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## NAVAL MEN IN WUHU CLASH.

## COOLIE MOB'S ATTACK ON STEAMER.

## BIG TROOP CONCENTRATION AT HANKOW.

## NEW PEKING SENSATION.

In frustrating an attempt by a gang of coolies at Wuhu to rush a river steamer which was lying alongside the B. and S. hulk, a British armed party was forced to use their bayonets, and several coolies were slightly wounded.

There is large troop concentration at Hankow in view of an expected attack by Northerners. Lower down the river at Kiukiang, the Communists are completely in control and anti-British posters are again making their appearance in the ex-British Concession.

Nationalist forces are shelling Pukow from Lion Hill and several large fires have broken out.

Further sensational disclosures have been made as the result of the examination of the documents seized in the raid on buildings in the Soviet Embassy grounds at Peking, including the fact that the Soviet had paid over one million gold dollars in November to the Nationalist Government and were guaranteeing a further large monthly sum.

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## TRAINS TO CANTON CEASE.

## STRIKE ON THE CHINESE SECTION.

## LOCAL SERVICE CONTINUES.

A dislocation of the train service to Canton has been caused by the trouble in the native city between the "Reds" and the moderate elements, resulting in the engineers of the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway deserting their posts.

Prior to the 8.05 express leaving for Canton this morning, word was received from the Chinese section that all the engineers on the trains had deserted, and that there would be no connexion for the express, the departure of which was accordingly cancelled.

On enquiry this morning, we were informed that the trouble only affected the men of the Chinese section. The service to Sum Chun and other stations in British territory is being maintained as usual.

## IN HONOUR OF ST. GEORGE.

## THIS MORNING'S CENOTAPH WREATH-LAYING.

To-day being St. George's Day, there was the customary ceremony of laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in the morning.

The brief but impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph was attended by the committee and members of the St. George's Society. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (President) and Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird carried a wreath, taking the form of a shield with the cross of St. George in the centre and tied with the colours of the Society, to the foot of the cenotaph, where it was placed.

The two wreath-bearers were followed by members of the Society, who included the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. W. A. Dowley (past presidents), the Rev. Copley Moyle, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, J. H. Ramsay, W. J. Stokes, R. E. Lindell, T. Pearce, P. S. Cassidy, F. A. Wells, L. C. F. Bellamy, and many others.

Later in the morning a wreath was also laid on the Cenotaph by N.C.O. and Men reservists of the Northumberland Fusiliers who are now serving with the Cameroonian.

As we reported the other day, it has been decided to celebrate the occasion this year with an "at home" to service men in Hongkong, from 2.15 to 7 o'clock this evening, at the Queen's Theatre, where films and other entertainment will be provided.

There is to be a special service at St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m. to-morrow in honour of the English patron saint.

St. George's Day dances are arranged for to-night at the Hongkong Hotel and the Peak Club, but the St. George's Society dance, as before, is to be on Twelfth Night, January 6 next.

## YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY HONGKONG BRANCH.

We have received the following from the local office of the Yokohama Specie Bank:—

Sir,—We wish to notify our customers and the public that, notwithstanding the moratorium that has been declared in Japan, our Head Office has informed us that the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. will carry on business both in Japan and in all its foreign branches without any difference or restriction whatsoever. All obligations will be promptly met irrespective of amounts involved and we shall continue to cater to the wants and convenience of our customers exactly as heretofore.

A satchel containing departmental papers which Mr. G. F. Taylor left behind in taxi when returning to Green Island, on Wednesday night, has been found and returned to the owner.

## OUR TELEPHONES.

## AUTOMATIC SERVICE LIKELY.

## AN IMPROVED SYSTEM.

The second annual general meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Company was held at Exchange Building this morning, when the Chairman, Mr. J. Scott Harston, reviewed the work of the company during the year. The service had been considerably improved, he said, as instanced by the fewer number of complaints received during the period covered.

Reference was also made to the possibility of introducing an automatic system of telephones, the company keeping an open mind on the subject, pending a report by the consulting engineers at Home. Addressing the other directors and attendant shareholders, Mr. Harston said:—

Gentlemen:—The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual procedure, and treat the same as read.

The Auditor's Report is as follows:—"We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books, accounts, and vouchers of the company, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Limited, as at 31st December 1926, according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the company."—Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, Auditors, "Hongkong," 7th April 1927.

## Promoter's Death.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I would like to refer, with a sense of the most profound regret, to the lamented death, in the month of May last year, of your Directors' esteemed colleague, the late Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt. C.M.G., Sir Paul Chater was, as you are aware, one of the promoters concerned in the formation of this Company, and it is to be particularly regretted that your undertaking should, in the first year of its operation, have been deprived of the counsel of one, who, by virtue of his lengthy association with the Colony and its commercial activities, could, and did, at all times, contribute to the deliberations of your Board much sound advice based upon a practical knowledge as to, and unequalled experience of, local requirements.

## The Accounts.

Turning to the accounts for the year under review, I am unfortunately precluded from offering a detailed comparison of the items appearing under the various headings in the Profit and Loss Account, and Balance Sheet, for, whilst the Accounts before you cover the full period of a business year, the Accounts previously presented only recorded the operations of your Company for the period up to 31st December, 1925. In the circumstances, therefore, I propose to confine myself to offering amplifying details in respect of such items as appear to call for special comment.

On personal, you will have observed that the balance standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account at the 31st December, 1926 amounted to \$194,708.56, which balance was arrived at after providing \$131,052.05 for Depreciation; \$25,934.00 for the payment of the Government in respect of Royalties in accordance with the terms of our franchise; \$5,527.89 for the purpose of writing off a portion of the preliminary expenses in connexion with the formation of the Company; and \$5,686.24 for writing off bad debts. In this latter connection I would point out that it was inevitable that, as a result of the disturbed conditions prevailing in the Colony in the latter portion of the year 1925 and the early part of 1926 and the consequent general exodus to Canton, this Company—in common with other public utility concerns—should have to bear losses in connexion with

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## ITALIAN CHARTER TO LABOUR.

## SCHEME TO ELIMINATE STRIKES.

## THE STATE'S INTERVENTION.

Rome, April 22.

Celebrations on the anniversary of the foundation of Rome have been made the occasion for the publication of the Government's charter of labour, crystallising the efforts made by Signor Mussolini to wipe out strikes and lockouts.

The charter embodies principles governing hours and wages conditions, and provides that production must be centred on a general conception of the well-being and greatness of the entire nation. Syndical organisations must be formed under State direction, and the membership is to be free. Capital and labour must be conciliated, or their disputes submitted to "labour magistrates."

It is announced that the enrolled Fascists total 2,168,821, besides considerable numbers enrolled in the Fascist trade unions.

The charter declares that private initiative in production being regarded as the most efficient instrument of national interests, the organiser of a company is responsible to the State for production. Professional associations of employers are obliged in every way to promote or increase production and reduce costs.

The State will intervene to control or assist in the management only when private initiative fails or the political interests of the State are involved.

Night work is to be paid for at a higher rate than day work. The worker is to be entitled to an annual paid holiday after a year of uninterrupted service. Compensation must be paid in respect of unjustified dismissal, also in the event of death. The State proposes measures to improve accident and unemployment insurance, and extend insurance against all illness, besides introducing special endowment insurance for young workers. Home workers are to be included in the benefits and discipline of the collective labour contract.—*Reuter.*

## SAVED BY PARACHUTE.

## BRITISH AIRMAN'S THRILLING JUMP.

London, April 22.

An officer of the Royal Air Force made a parachute descent to-day from a height of 8,000 feet and landed safely. He was Flight Lieutenant David Dauey Greig, of the Central Flying School.

He had gone up from Oneley in a single-seater fighting plane to carry out special tests. Suddenly the machine was seen to be out of control, and to be spinning towards the ground at a terrific speed. For some moments Greig could be seen making a desperate but vain effort to regain control.

A few seconds later, when the machine appeared to be falling like a stone, the airman was seen to jump from the pilot's seat. He, too, was falling like a stone, when to the relief of the onlookers his parachute opened, and he made a prolonged but safe descent, reaching the ground about two miles from his starting point.

The aeroplane struck the earth several minutes earlier, and burst into flames.—*British Wireless.*

## "BRITISH WORKER" REVIVED.

## FOR FIGHT AGAINST TRADE UNION BILL.

London, April 22.

The British Worker, which ran for eleven issues during the general strike last year, as a strike bulletin of the General Council of the Trade Union Council, will be again issued, as a penny weekly, and will be the official bulletin of the Trade Union Defence Committee, during the period of the campaign against the Government's Trade Union Bill.—*Reuter.*

## Bulls and Inners

## From the Office Butts.

In an endeavour to make ends meet, the girls at Central keep plugging away.

The Chinese navy looks as if it will soon be junked.

Ham-tung has been appointed Commissariat Commissary at Hankow.

It didn't rain so hard as some of the imprecations the other night.

This week's golf hint:—Always get on the green first. This provides an opportunity of employing new methods of holing out, particularly if the caddy is looking for a tip instead of the ball.

All women at Home now have a vote but it requires warm weather to see the feminist movement.

Apparently they don't have barbers in China, for two ladies arrived from the interior yesterday wearing their hair in a bun.

The donkey which boards on a grass patch in Mody Road has many friends in the vicinity.

"Stands Scotland where she did"? Not according to deck-montary evidence.

For every flat let out at the present prices, there is another, let in.

Collars at a local outfitting sale were going for necks to nothing.

This week's stray bat from the belfry:—"Why is it that the stationary business is never at a standstill?"

Some folk are antagonistic; others again are merely agonising.

As Sidney Smith said "There are very few who would not rather be hated than laughed at."

If the busted flush, then their faces do not qualify for poker.

There is no truth in the story that a public subscription is to be raised to defray the expense of the St. George's Cenotaph wreath.

A man's hobby is known by the number of holes or cylinders he talks.

Nothing like getting the proper atmosphere, hence the trenches in Nathan Road.

The new hotel on the Praya is very impressive.

Even, if gentlemen do prefer blondes, it is not altogether a fair sex.

The big stakes in China are mistakes just now.

Wednesday night's rain was bad. In some parts of Hongkong the water was nearly up to the edge of the ladies' skirts.

Before marriage a man yearns for a woman. Afterwards he dispenses with the "y."

As evidence of Empire solidarity we note that an entirely English concert is being given in honour of St. George's Day—by two Scottish bands.

Hankow is now ahead of Peking by one mandate.

Was it a prominent resident or a resident with a prominence who got stuck in the Peak Tram the other day?

A local contemporary relates of a Colonial Governor who died some weeks ago, that he is "rapidly sinking." These post mortem bulletins should be discouraged.

Curfew at Shanghai has been extended to midnight. Hongkong is getting more like Shanghai every day.

The disappearance of the Statue Square ghost is complete. He must have read last Saturday's bulls.

Miss 1927 will now be as good a man as any woman.

This week's sub-title:—"Why, you're so lucky that if you fell into a dustbin you would come out a chocolate."

The Budget wasn't very satisfactory. From what we hear a great number of people will have to pay just as much conscience-money.

If the Scots introduced the haggis, the English are apparently not far behind with the haggie.

The Radio Society has arranged to broadcast the noise of rushing waters through the Blue Grotto at Happy Valley.

When they read the account of the Mexican train bandit outrage, these Chinese brigands will be red with envy.

Owing to disturbance in the ether caused by noisy hawkers in lower Wyndham Street, the Radio Society is formulating a protest to Government.

Report of a "bar boat" suggests that the Dutch crew's win on Wednesday was a schappy one.

It is difficult to tell Canton's present political colour. Probably a pale mauve.

Red is a primary colour, but it's nevertheless of secondary importance in Canton these days.

Although the joint deliberations of the Powers will probably develop a strong solution, thus ensuring positive action, Eugene Chen's reply is sure to prove another vigorous negative.

According to a writer in Wednesday's Daily Press "...the bottle neck at the Peak Tram... is a blot on the escutcheon of the Colony." Must have been confusing Crown Colonies with "crown corks."

If the heading which appeared in a contemporary "Flight Return" referred to a flapper we recently saw at the tennis tournament, we quite agree.

We understand that the Army Veterinary Corps have issued special instructions regarding the preparation of fodder in China. We expect that in the future, the poor old army mules will be expected to make the chaff their guide!

"What is offering in the way of a small car at \$20,000?" asks a Home advertiser. The supply of pedestrians must be getting short.

We notice that a local advertisement refers to "The only Hotel in Cant." Sort of place one would visit theog!

"Women gagged with oranges" stated a headline in a local newspaper. Enough to give anyone the pips.

There is no truth in the rumour that the Peak Residents' Association has sent Mr. H. Humphreys a cable wishing him a pleasant holiday.

"Chubb be or not Chubb be" as they say about the fares on the Peak Tram these days.

There is no truth in the rumour, that owing to 1928 being Leap Year, Government servants have petitioned that February 29th, be proclaimed a public holiday, in order to avoid creating the precedent of doing a day's work for nothing.

The Kowloon girl who was overheard to remark "One doesn't know what to wear, this weather" certainly knew what not to wear!

A reader complains about the coolies who "scrounge through refuse heaps and dust-bins." An example of an industry thriving and fast-decaying at the same time.

Although winning the Trevesa race for the second year, there were no signs of a trophy about the Tjisoroa crowd.

A local violinist has been sued by his wife. This looks like a case of playing second fiddle.

"Riding the country of Reds," says a contemporary. Roughshod, we hope!

China must be nearly normal again for according to the D. P. a service of excursion trains to Chekwang, near Lin Tin, commenced on Thursday, and will be continued until Sunday.



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### HANKOW DANGER.

GRADUAL CLOSING IN OF  
HUNAN TROOPS.

Hankow, April 14.  
The division of land in Hunan by the Peasants' Union, by force, accompanied by terrible brutalities such as the murders of a number of landowners, is actively proceeding throughout the province, which is surrendering to a monstrous form of Bolshevism. The gradual closing in of Hunan troops towards Hankow (Chiang Kai-shek is preventing them from going down river) is being accompanied by monster demonstrations here. The situation is very grave.

Climax Almost Here.

Mr. Lenox Simpson (Putnam Weale), who is here observing and recording the situation, declares that the climax is almost here.

He believes that the naval forces here are inadequate to prevent a great tragedy. He thinks that only the fortified Japanese Concession—which is hourly being strengthened—will be adequate to meet the shock, which will, he says, be sudden and overwhelming and must engulf many. He states deliberately that unless strong foreign military forces come here immediately it will be too late, with disaster inevitable.

American Fear.

Americans here are depressed at the fearful account of their Government's alleged refusal to charter a ship to remain here if evacuation should become necessary.

They are afraid that when the time comes when a ship will be needed none will be available because of what they term the short-sighted policy of the State Department, which is alleged to have advised the Consul-General here that "no funds have been appropriated for the purpose." The present situation, it is the opinion of all, may be likened to a powder-barrel and requires only a spark to explode.

The Americans point out that the British, French and Japanese have ships such as they (the Americans) have requested.—*Reuter.*

### ATLANTIC FLIGHTS.

RIVAL PREPARATIONS TURN  
INTO RACE.

New York, April 22.

The preparations of the aspirants for the \$25,000 prize offered for the first airman to complete the Paris-New York or New York-Paris non-stop flight is assuming the character of a race. In view of the news that Captain Nungesser, the famous French war "ace" is preparing for an early attempt to fly from Paris.

The news has incited the backers of the civilians, Bert Acosta and Lloyd Bertaud, to speed up their preparation in order that they may take off at the earliest possible moment.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### COTTON RESTRICTION.

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT CUR-  
TAILMENT RECOMMENDED.

London, April 22.

The Cotton Yarn Association has sent a letter to its members recommending the immediate curtailment of the output up to 25 per cent of the full production, a restriction which is to become operative on the 25th inst. It will not operate in respect to yarn spun from standard mixings above forty-twos.—*Reuter.*

### SHANGHAI TANKS.

FIVE FRENCH MACHINES  
ARRIVE.

Shanghai, April 19.

For the first time in its history Shanghai saw tanks yesterday. The tanks were French, of the whippet type, and they were brought from Indo-China to take part in the defence of the French Concession.

They arrived at the end of last week by the M. M. Chenonceaux, and yesterday were brought ashore at the Old Ningpo Wharf, whereafter they made their way to the French Concession along Broadway, the Bund and Rue du Consulat.

Apparently a slight mistake in the route was made when it came to Avenue Edward VII, for up to a certain point the tanks proceeded along this thoroughfare, thereafter turning back and going along the French Bund.

Left Marks Behind.

This particular mistake brought to the notice of those who saw the tanks a very interesting feature of their mechanism, for in making a sharp turn the tanks appeared to raise themselves up on their rear wheels.

It is understood that the tanks weigh about three tons each—a very small weight in comparison with the original British tanks which were used during the war, but even so they left their marks upon the asphalt roads traversed during their journey. Three of them are armoured with machine guns, while the others carry a light gun of the pompom variety.

Two-men as Crew.

These guns are mounted in turrets which can revolve a complete circle, and it is understood that they are especially good for street fighting. Each tank is manned by two men. For the time being the tanks are being stationed at the Franco-Chinese School in Rue Montauban.

By the str. Chenonceaux Colonel Landais arrived and has taken over the defence of the French Concession. Admiral Bazire is shortly retiring, and will be relieved about June or July.

### HOME ON LEAVE.

POPULAR POLICE OFFICER  
SAILING BY MALWA.

When the Malwa leaves for Home next week one of the passengers for London will be Chief Detective Inspector T. Murphy of the Criminal Investigation Department, Hongkong Police.

Mr. Murphy who is going on ten months' furlough will visit both Ireland and Scotland. His duties in Hongkong will be carried on in his absence by Inspector A. N. Reynolds who is at present in charge of criminal records and murder investigation which work it is understood, Sub-Inspector L. P. Lane will take over.

Mr. Murphy was last on Home leave in 1922. Mrs. Murphy, passed away in Hongkong last July.

Several other members of the Force are returning Home on the same steamer. The many friends of Mr. Murphy will wish him a very pleasant holiday at Home.

### STEAMER RE-BOUGHT.

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD BUYS  
ZEPPELIN.

Berlin, April 22.

The Norddeutsche Lloyd has repurchased from the Orient Line the former Norddeutsche steamer Zeppelin, now named the Ormuz, which was handed to Britain after the war. She will be re-named the Dresden.—*Reuter.*

### KHIVA AT SHANGHAI.

PASSENGERS' STORIES.

Shanghai, April 22.

From passengers' stories it appears that the Khiva suffered from very heavy rain and fog after leaving Hongkong and the Captain was unable to leave the bridge. The ship passed inside Steep Island lighthouse, proceeding at half speed, sounding constantly.

The fog concealed the landmarks, and the lighthouse which was normally visible from twenty miles became invisible from two miles. Very strong currents from Hangchow Bay swept the Khiva seven miles out of her course. She stove in her bows on a small pinnacle of one of the many islands thereabouts just before midnight.

The passengers immediately went up on deck. There was no panic. The ship drew off and anchored. Eventually the anchors dragging, she proceeded ten miles to the north west to a more sheltered position until tugs arrived and conveyed her to Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

### JUST ARRIVED! NEW RECORDS!

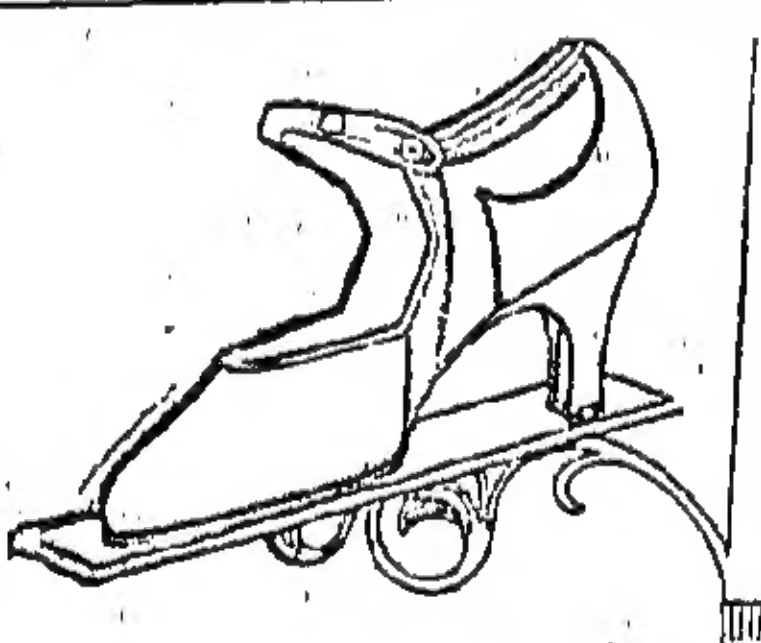
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- 4527 {Where'd You Get Those Eyes.  
You Need Someone To Love.
- 4556 {I've Never Seen a Straight  
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I'll Follow Your Footsteps.
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Looking at the World.
- 4559 {Only You and Lonely Me  
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- 4563 {I Wonder What's Become of Joe  
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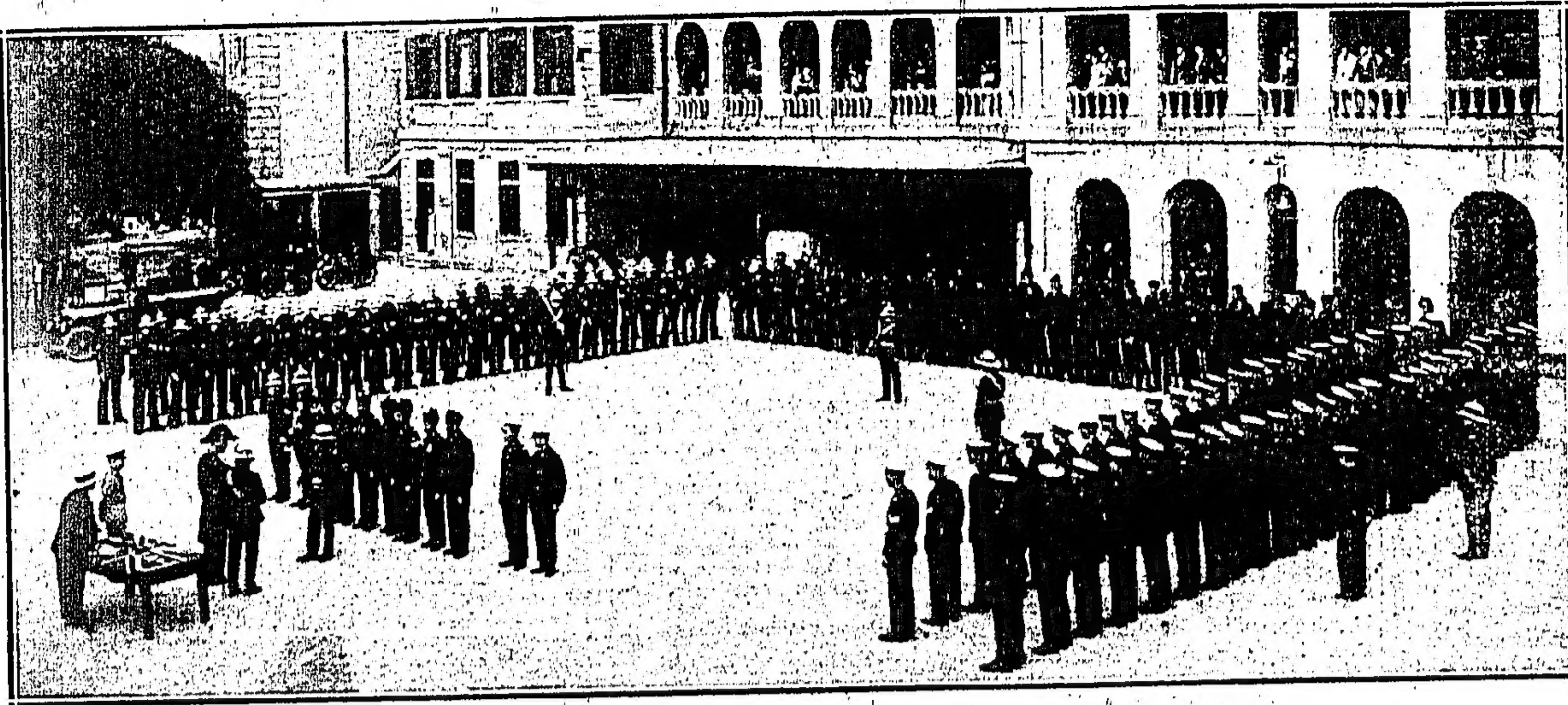
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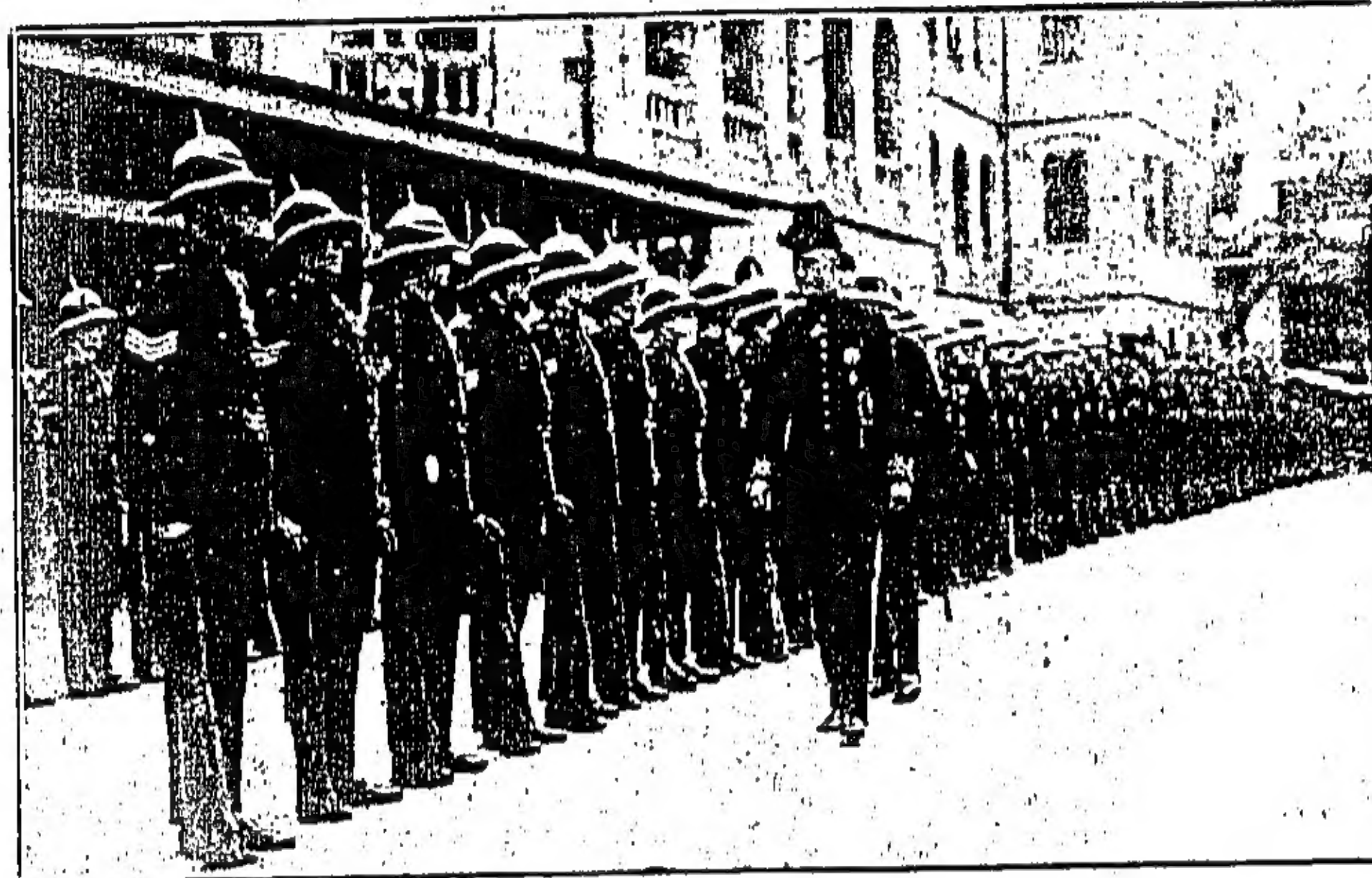
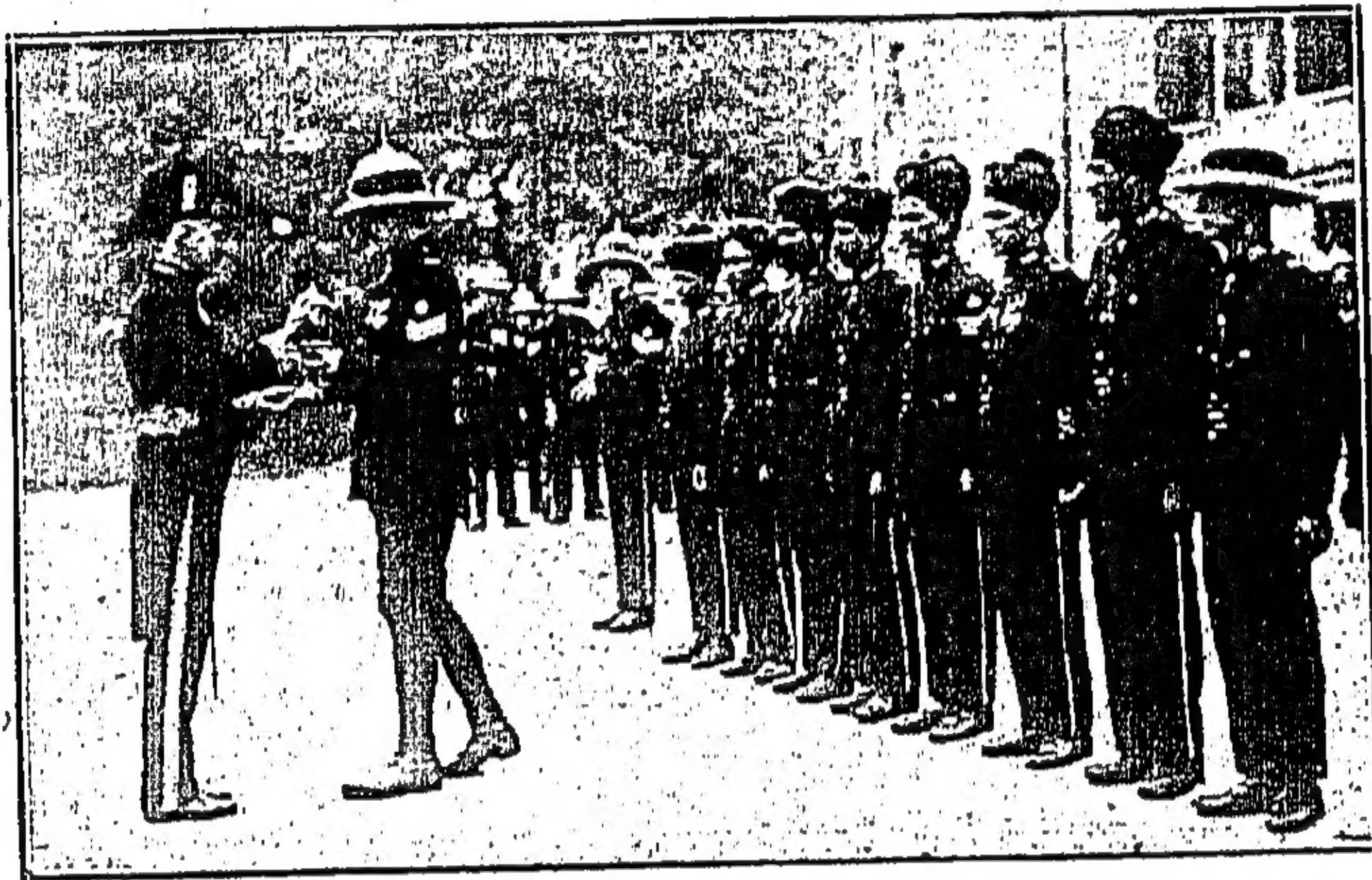
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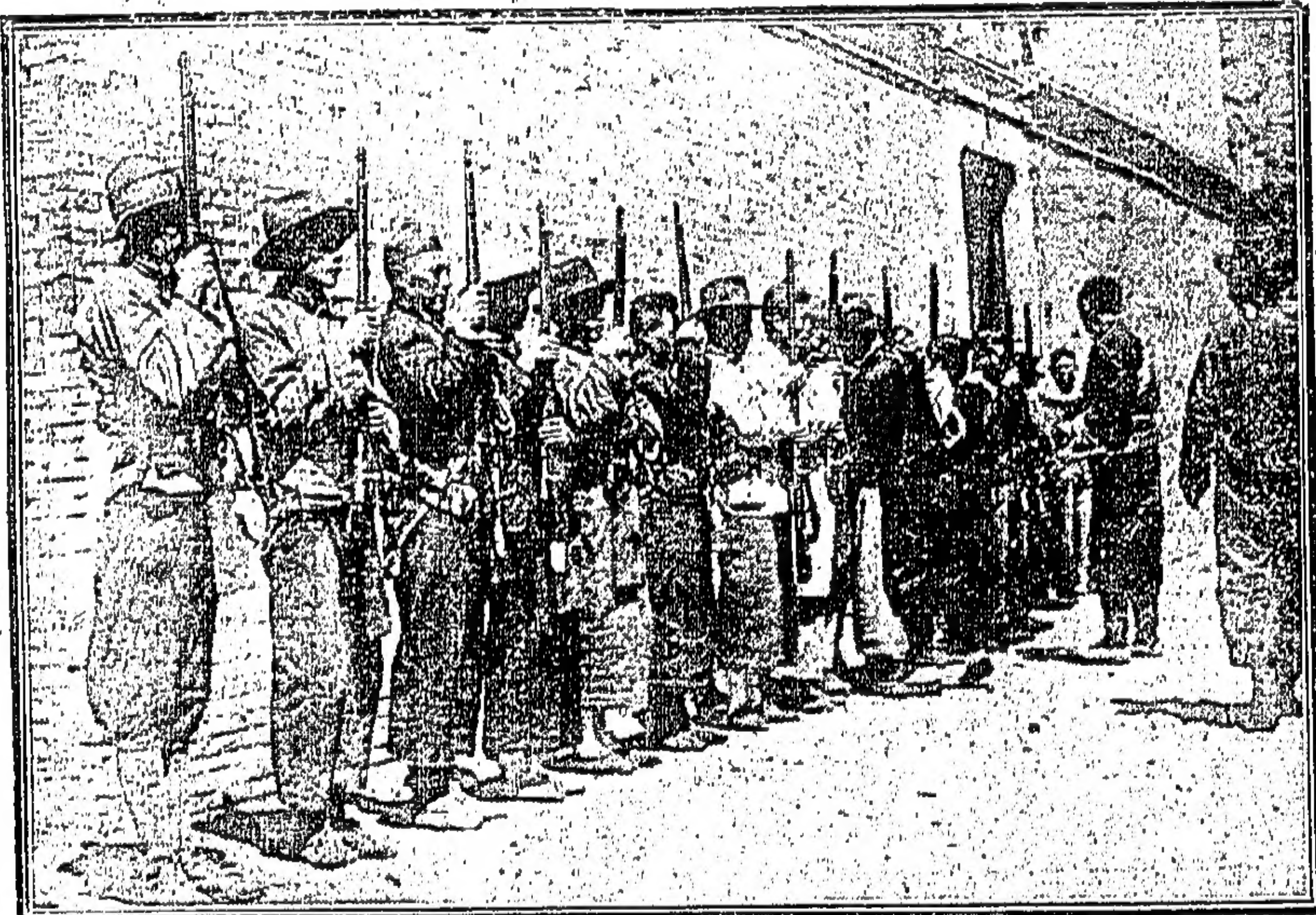




The above shows H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) presenting medals to members of the Hongkong Police Force on the occasion of the annual inspection which took place at the Central Headquarters on Tuesday in last week. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



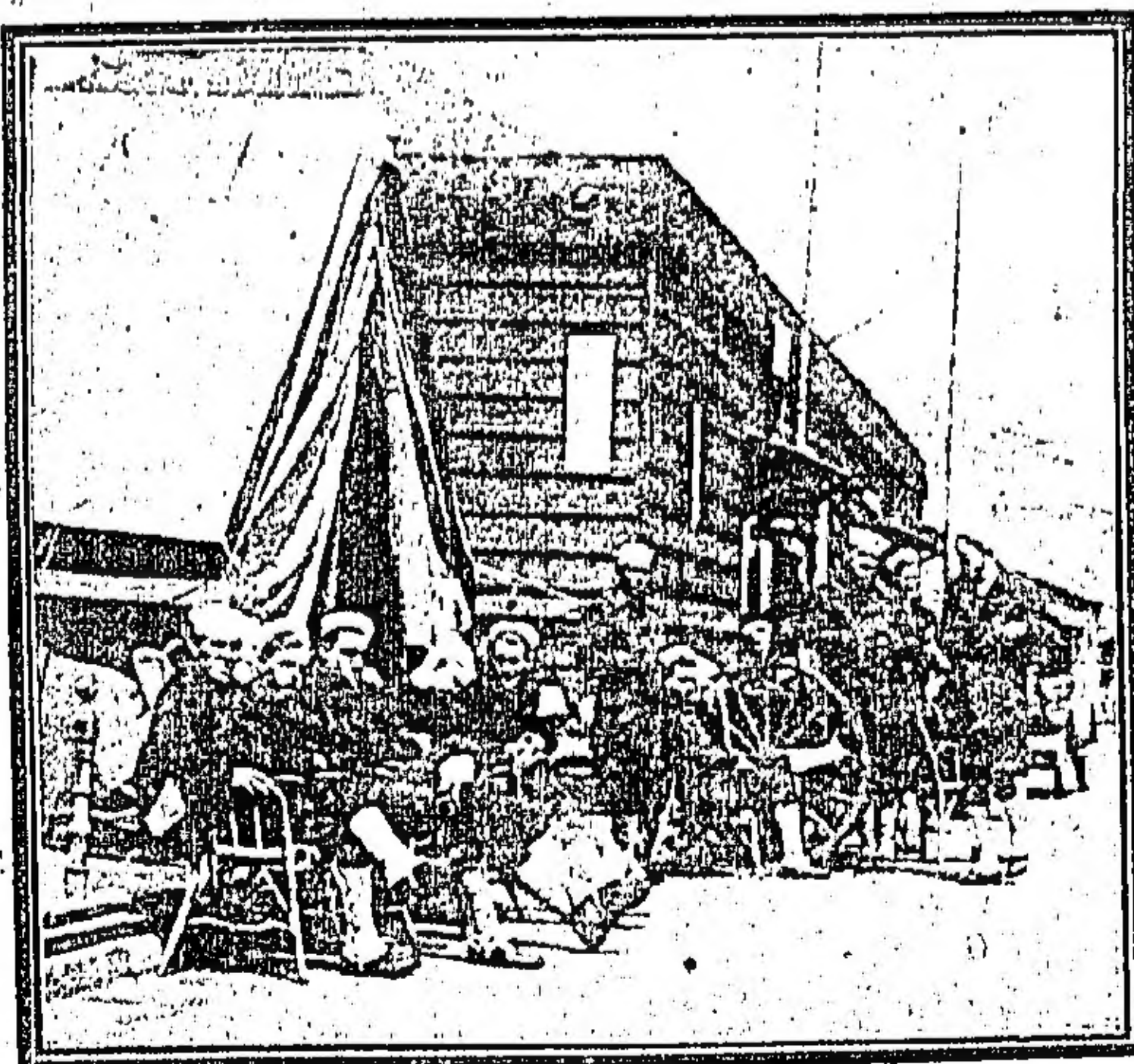
Two close-up scenes taken at the annual inspection of the Police Force by H.E. the Governor. (Photos: Mee Cheung). (Above photo engravings by S.C. Morning Post.)



Members of the civilian gun corps who took things into their own hands prior to the clean-up by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.



A group of Shanghai Volunteers are here seen posing for the photographer.

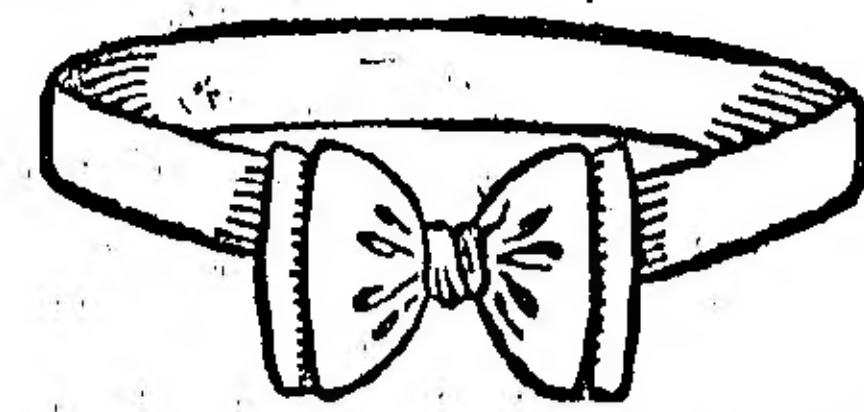


American sailors in Shanghai sunning themselves outside the auxiliary canteen which has been opened in the old Customs' shed on the Bund.



This picture of armed labourers marching through the streets of the native city of Shanghai, was taken shortly before the clean-up of "Reds" by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. NOTICE

It is hereby notified under Section 125 of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance No. 40 of 1912 that the Wongneichong Road between Sing Woo Road and Village Road will be closed from Monday the 25th inst. at 6 a.m. until further notice.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Capt. Supt. of Police.  
Hongkong 22nd April, 1927.

ANZAC DAY.

Members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association and others interested are asked to be present on Monday, the 25th April, 1927, at 9.30 a.m. when a wreath will be laid on the Cenotaph in Memory of the Australian and New Zealanders who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, the 7th May, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.  
Entries will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th April, 1927.

NOTICE.

The Public is hereby notified that we are now under instructions and orders from our head office to temporarily stop business for TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS commencing from the 18th inst. because readjustment of accounts is to be made during this interval of time.

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Hongkong, 18th April, 1927.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 28th April, 1927, at 4 p.m., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—  
(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1926.  
(2) To elect a new Committee.  
(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,  
M. F. KEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th April, 1927.

MACAO RACES.

FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING.  
SUNDAY, 24TH APRIL 1927.  
First Race 11.30 a.m.  
Entrance to Public Enclosure 40 cents.  
Entrance to Members Stand \$2.00.

Special Race Steamers will run as under:

Saturday, 23rd April.  
From Hongkong. From Macao. 8.00 a.m. Sui An. 8.00 a.m. Sui Tai. 3.00 p.m. Sui Tai. 2.00 p.m. Sui An.  
Sunday, 24th April.  
From Hongkong. From Macao. 8.00 a.m. Sui An. 4.30 p.m. Sui Tai. 9.00 p.m. Sui Tai. 5.30 p.m. Sui An.  
Members are advised that they must show their badges to obtain admission to the Members Enclosure.

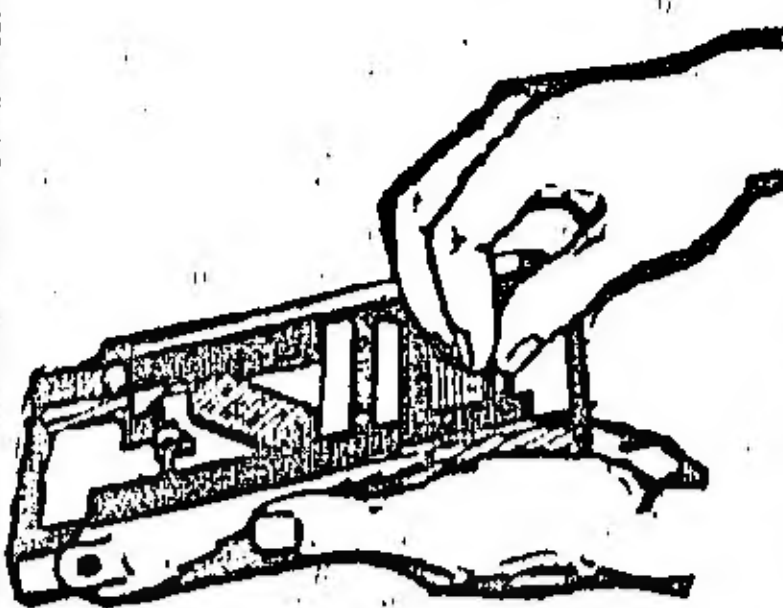
Members may introduce two Ladies. Tickets may be had on application to the Secretary I.R.C. Macao free of charge. Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-Members to the Members Enclosure. Tickets may be obtained at the Entrance Gate.

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Cupboard and wardrobes were examined and heavy furniture moved from the walls, but as on dozens of former occasions, without result. Then one of the policemen had a brain wave.

It occurred to him that if he pretended that he had left the room the young woman might materialise, and so he slammed the door as if he were leaving the room, and sat as quiet as a mouse.

After a quarter of an hour he noticed that part of the wall was moving, and a concealed door open and out stepped my lady. She had been seated in an alcove, the door of which was so cleverly covered with wall paper that its existence was not suspected.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers London 24th March)	Sandhya	April 23.
Shanghai	Soochow	April 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	April 25.
Shanghai	Szechuen	April 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Adams	April 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Shinyo Maru	April 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Amazona	April 26.
Amoy	Taima	April 26.
Saigon	Athos II	April 26.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	April 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	April 26.
Straits	Suwa Maru	May 1.
Manila	Empress of Asia	May 9.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Weihaiwei	Koehchow	Sat., April 23, 2.30 p.m.
Batavia	Tjisaroa	Sat., Apr. 23, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Luchow	Sat., Apr. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Luchow	Sat., April 23, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., April 23, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Sat., April 23, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Sat., April 23, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Phum Puth	Sat., April 23, 5 p.m.
Bangkok	Promiss	Sat., April 23, 5 p.m.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kwangchow	Sun., Apr. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Apr. 24, 9 a.m.
Japan	Samarang Maru	Sun., Apr. 24, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Suisang	Mon., Apr. 25, noon

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CHANGE OF FACE.

SHANGHAI STUDENTS GO "PINK."

THROW OVER COMMUNISM.

Now that anti-Communist authorities are in power at Shanghai there is much eagerness, apparently, among all classes to disavow all connexion with the tobacco political faction. Even the students' organisations are alive to the necessity of being other than "Red" as the following, taken from the N. C. Daily News shows:—

From the reports of meetings held by student organisations over last week end there seems to be some indication that at least a part of the students have been seen the fallacy of working against the local authorities with their campaign of Communism and that there might be a hope of them riding themselves of the radical elements.

On Saturday 50 students representing various local schools met at the Kiangsu 2nd Normal School at the Small West Gate. The meeting was presided over by a student from Fuh Tan University who made a long speech in which he said that the Student Union had hitherto been under the influence of the Communists, and pleaded that it should be entirely reorganized on the basis of the Three People's Doctrine. Further, that everyone in China should endeavour to suppress the Communist movement, as it was seriously injuring the Chinese people in many ways.

Speeches of a similar tenor were made by several other students, including the head of the Political Department, after which the following resolutions were passed:—

1.—That a manifesto be issued acquainting the public with the reasons for reorganizing the Student Union.

2.—That a circular telegram be despatched throughout the country urging the support of General Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang.

3.—That all schools be urged to expel students who were Communists.

4.—That the unions already formed by students in various schools be reorganized.

Further Arrests.

The campaign against the Communists was continued by the Shanghai Chinese authorities. Thirty soldiers of the Political Department Headquarters at Lunghua raided the offices of the Seamen's Union in the Native City at 10.30 a.m. last Saturday and arrested 12 persons. The raid was made as a consequence of the discovery of handbills denouncing the Right Wing of the Kuomintang. Four Mauser pistols, two Browning pistols, 11 rifles and 200 rounds of ammunition, as well as a quantity of literature were seized. Two of those arrested were sent to Lunghua and the others detained at the police station in the City.

On the same day soldiers raided the premises of the Gold and Silversmiths' Union at the Small East Gate and arrested several suspicious characters who are being held for investigation. Two members of the Pawnshop Keeper's Union were arrested about the same time during a raid on the Union by another detachment of soldiers.

Hangchow Clean-Up.

Yesterday marked a new day for Hangchow, writes a correspondent, under date April 14. A proclamation was posted that no strikes of any kind were to be allowed. Over 100 radicals have been arrested and there are many more to be arrested. The General Labour Union was searched and is to be dissolved. The local paper stated that the heads of the conservative party would soon return to Hangchow. The Y.M.C.A. servants came back to work to-day. There is hope that order will soon be restored.

No church property has been injured or attacked in Hangchow since March 27. In the Shaoching district the Peh Kwin church continued to be occupied by the local group even after the proclamation from higher authorities had been shown to them.

No foreign property has been raided. There has been a threat to take over the property of the Lakeland Community Centre. This appeared in posters on the walls and also in the newspapers. The taking over of the Y.M.C.A. has also been threatened. That the Christian schools are to be taken over is heard again. I have even been informed that all Christian property, schools or churches will soon be taken over. This, however, is no more than rumour.

Business Collapse Threatened.

Orders have been issued for the protection of churches, schools and foreign residences both by the secretary of General Lo We-yong and the magistrate. It is too early to tell how effective these will be.

Business is seriously hindered by strikes. No shop is allowed to close even if the owner desires to close. The merchants say that all business will go to pieces in three

DIAMONDS CHEAPER.

OVER-PRODUCTION IN TRANSVAAL.

Good finds have already been made in the new diamond fields at Grasfontein, one digger reporting that he has taken £1,000 worth of stones from a pothole, reports the Transvaal correspondent of a London paper. One thousand natives are employed, many of them getting £5 a month. The traffic in stolen stones is believed to be fairly large.

Anxiety prevails regarding over-production. The latest returns shows that in the six months August-January the output from the Transvaal diggings alone was £2,438,000, and the monthly yield is expected to increase largely. The effect is seen in the fact that the value of the carat has dropped in a year from £8 14s. to £2 12s.

Fresh discoveries are reported in the Ventersdorp district.

POPE'S SWISS GUARD.

VATICAN MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED.

Work has been begun at the Vatican in the courtyard of the barracks of the Swiss Guard on a monumental fountain commemorating the sack of Rome in 1527, when the Swiss Guards, heroically fighting against odds, were almost all butchered in defending the Vatican Palace. The Papal Swiss Guard is a force with traditions consecrated by centuries of history. The Swiss Confederation, in fact, which prohibits its nationals enlisting in foreign armies, makes an exception in favour of the Pope's Swiss Guard.

The commemorative fountain represents Captain Boust, who commanded the Swiss Guard, fighting with drawn sword between two falling guards. It is the work of the Swiss sculptor M. Zimmi, Imann.

"OLD BILL" FINED.

WAR OMNIBUS GOES TOO FAST.

"Old Bill," the L.G.O.C. motor-omnibus which carried thousands of troops to the advanced areas on the Western Front during the war, has been fined for going too fast.

The old omnibus was taking wreaths to a funeral when it was timed by the police and it was found that it was exceeding the speed limit. The driver, John Proudman, was therefore summoned at Willesden, N.W., last month. The Clerk: So Old Bill can still go?

Proudman: Yes. He is a bit hard to start up, but he makes up for it once I get him going.

Colonel Pinkham, the Chairman: I cannot ignore the history of this old omnibus, but there must be a conviction. The fine will be 10s. instead of the usual 2s.

PRIEST RETIRES FROM FUNERAL.

LAST RITES PERFORMED BY LODGE.

An unusual incident occurred at a funeral in Heaton Cemetery, Newcastle, at which a Roman Catholic priest was to have conducted the services.

The cortege was followed by the members of a lodge of the R.A.O.B., and it was the intention of the officer of the lodge to perform certain rites after the priest had completed the committal service. The priest, being informed of this intention, said he would not interfere with the burial at all, but would leave it to the Buffaloes. On the other hand, if the Buffaloes were prepared to abandon their intention, he was prepared to perform the burial service.

There was a consultation between the relatives, the priest, and the lodge officials, after which the relatives, having to make a choice, decided that the burial service should be left to the lodge officials.

Accordingly the priest retired and took no part in the burial.

Don Manuel Gondra, who took part in five revolutions in Paraguay and was twice deposed from the Presidency of that Republic, has died in Asuncion.

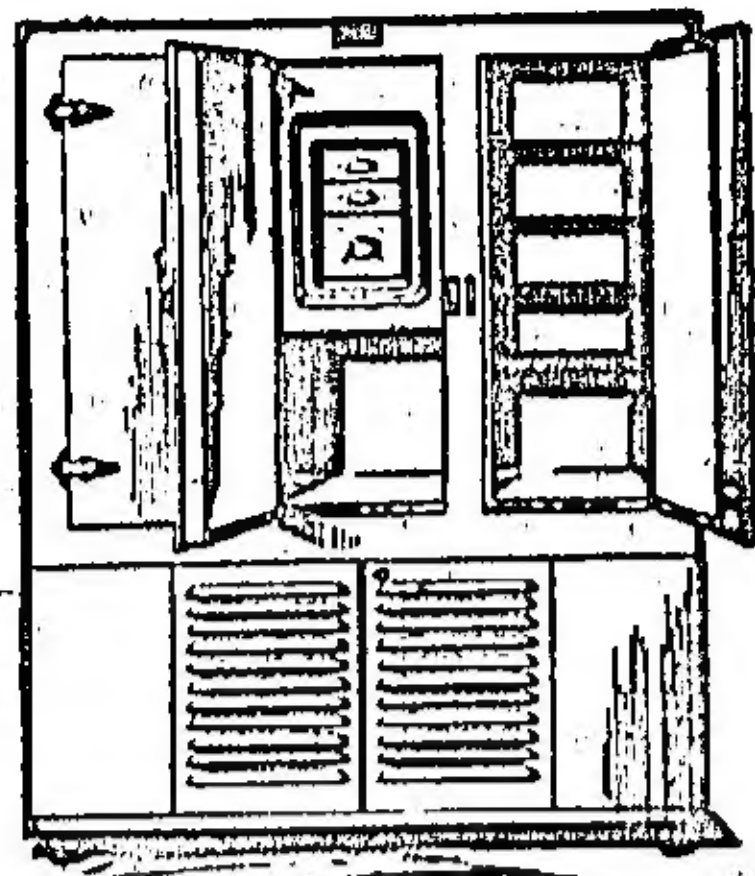
or four months if this condition is not stopped.

Several men were killed and many hurt in the outbreaks between the conservative and radical labourers some days ago. Yesterday, however, no fighting took place, as was expected, on account of the strong guard of soldiers.



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### "REV. MR. X."

SEVEN YEARS FOR  
BLACKMAILER.

The remarkable case in which  
the vicar of a country parish who  
during the Police Court proceed-  
ings at Marylebone was referred  
to as "The Reverend Mr. X" was  
taken at the Old Bailey, London,  
before the Recorder in mail week.

William Ernest Piggott (25), a  
motor driver, of Pined Street,  
Paddington, pleaded guilty to ut-  
tering a letter demanding money  
with menaces from the vicar and  
obtaining from him the sum of  
£1,367 with intent to steal the  
same, and the case was put back  
until the Recorder (Sir Ernest  
Wild) should have an opportunity  
of considering the sentence.

Later, Piggott was sentenced to  
seven years' penal servitude.

At the Magisterial hearing it  
was stated that the vicar had had  
to sell his vicarage in conse-  
quence of the blackmail, which ex-  
tended over a period of three  
years. Prisoner appeared in the  
dock smartly dressed. The indict-  
ment contained 32 counts, all of  
them relating to the obtaining of  
money.

#### Broken Promise.

Sir Travers Humphreys, for the  
prosecution, said the clergyman  
was 68 years of age. He had the  
misfortune to meet prisoner, who  
told him he was connected with  
the theatrical profession.

An incident occurred, and later  
prisoner told the clergyman that  
detectives were after him and he  
wanted £50 to leave the country.  
The clergyman gave the money  
and this was the beginning of a  
long course of blackmail. In  
1924, becoming desperate, the  
clergyman consulted a solicitor,  
who interviewed the accused, and  
obtained from him a statement  
acknowledging that his statements  
to the clergyman were unfounded  
and promising not to trouble him  
any more. This held good for  
seven months and then he again  
persuaded the clergyman to pay  
him money.

Counsel read a letter in which  
the clergyman implied accused  
to let him alone. He wrote—"I  
have had to sell my living and  
leave my parish, which I dearly  
love. I do not know how to find  
more money. I have been helped  
by my brother and now can do no  
more."

The Recorder described the let-  
ter as very pathetic.

#### Contemplated Suicide.

Other passages in it referred to  
the clergyman contemplating  
suicide.

Finally, in December 1926, said  
counsel, the clergyman was per-  
suaded by his solicitor to allow  
the Director of Public Prosecu-  
tions to be communicated with.

Inspector Crome said he had  
known prisoner from boyhood.  
He had done very little work since  
leaving school, and associated  
with bad characters. His parents  
were respectable. Prisoner had  
been associated with two others  
in demanding money by blackmail  
from a fish merchant. They had  
obtained £500, of which the  
prisoner had £300. He spent the  
money obtained from the clergy-  
man in buying motor cars and  
motor cycles.

Det.-Inspector Allan, of New  
Scotland Yard, said from August  
to October 1924, Piggott appeared  
to have obtained £470 from an-  
other source, while still continu-  
ing to blackmail the clergyman.

The Recorder, describing the  
prisoner as a cold, callous, and  
wicked blackmailer, said that but  
for his youth he would have been  
sentenced to penal servitude for  
life.

### IRISH PEER IN STRANGE CLAIM.

£50,000 BY WOMAN LUNATIC  
135 YEARS AGO.

Hundreds of thousands of  
pounds are involved in a claim  
made by Viscount Bangor, of  
Castle Ward, County Down, and  
others against a fortune of  
£50,000 left by a lunatic 135 years  
ago.

Lady Bangor told a *Daily  
Chronicle* representative that so  
far as she knew the date of the  
hearing of this strange petition of  
right, which will come before the  
Chancery Division this term, had  
not been fixed.

With accrued interest the  
amount has greatly increased.

It was in the possession of  
Maria L'Epine, who died a lunatic.  
No heirs to the property  
came forward and the estate re-  
verted to the Crown.

A year later the property is al-  
leged to have been presented to  
Lord Howe by King George III.,  
under a special indemnity, that in  
the event of any next of kin being  
discovered the estate should be  
forfeited.

It is now claimed that one  
Abigail Eccles was an heir of  
Maria L'Epine, and that she mar-  
ried Robert Goldwell, and it is  
through her descendants that the  
present claim is being preferred.

### STREET COLLECTORS.

HOME OFFICE COMMITTEE'S  
SUGGESTION.

Among the suggestions contain-  
ed in the report of the Home  
Office Departmental Committee on  
the supervision of charities is  
that the minimum age for street  
collectors should be raised to 18.

The Committee do not recom-  
mend the institution of any uni-  
versal system of the supervision  
over the collecting of charities,  
but recommend that the Charity  
Commissioners should inquire into  
cases that they think are not pro-  
perly administered. They also re-  
commend the institution of a sys-  
tem of licensing for door-to-door  
collections and collections in  
places of entertainment and pub-  
lic-houses.

An interesting comment is made  
by the Committee on the subject  
of patrons. Our notice, they  
state, has been called to the care-  
lessness with which people hold-  
ing prominent positions allow their  
names to be associated with un-  
substantial charities. It cannot  
be doubted that this practice is  
exceedingly mischievous, and we  
urge that such people should make  
the most careful inquiries before  
they allow their names to be used  
as those of patrons or members  
of any charitable organisation.

With regard to charity ballots  
the Committee say the most ob-  
jectionable feature is that even  
when they are well conducted a  
very large proportion of the pro-  
ceeds finds its way into the hands  
of professional promoters.

They do not recommend that  
any control should be instituted  
over ballots organised on behalf  
of charities as such, but in com-  
mon with any other method of  
raising money for charitable pur-  
poses they would fall within the  
scheme outlined for providing for  
the representation of a charity to  
the Charity Commissioners.

### PUZZLE FOR COURT.

MAN'S NATIONALITY  
UNKNOWN.

"Who is he," was the question  
raised in an aliens prosecution  
case before Mr. Granham Camp-  
bell at Bow Street Police Court,  
London.

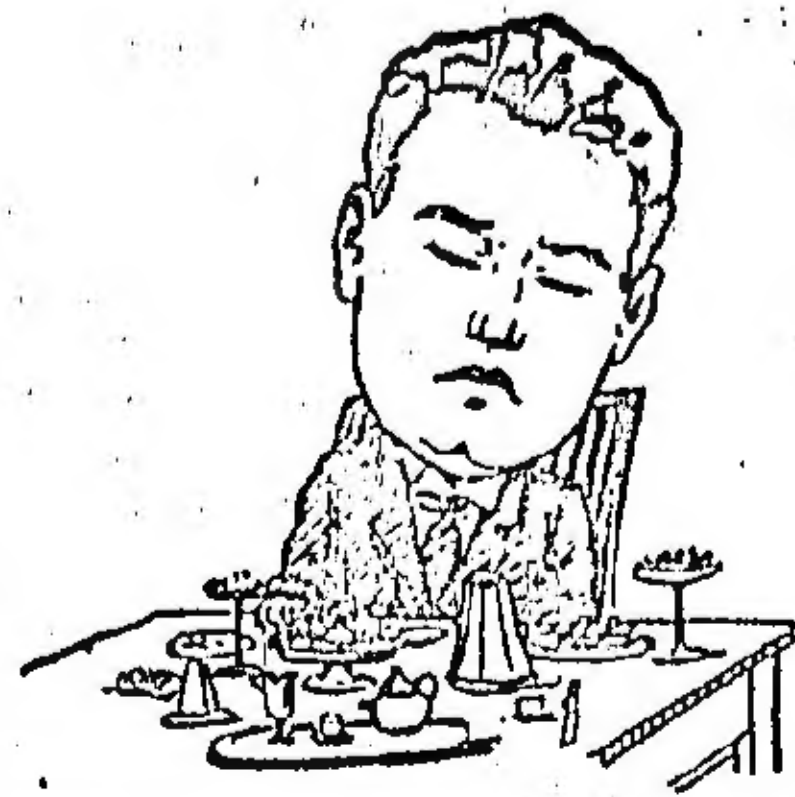
A tall young man wearing over-  
alls, who had given the name of  
Amos Valentino, was charged  
with being an alien, entering the  
country without permission and  
failing to register with the police.  
The evidence was that defendant  
was found standing outside the  
Spanish Consulate in Bloomsbury  
pretending that he was deaf  
and dumb. He wrote on a piece  
of paper that he was a Portuguese,  
whereupon he was taken to the  
Portuguese Consulate. There he  
again pretended to be deaf and  
dumb.

He wrote out a statement to the  
effect that he arrived on a ship in  
South Shields in 1924, that he  
worked in the docks until 1925,  
when an explosion left him deaf  
and dumb.

The police had inquired into  
this statement, but found it to be  
absolutely false. Accused had  
since stated that he was a  
Rumanian, but could speak Por-  
tuguese, and that he arrived in  
South Shields last February and  
walked to London. He declined  
to give any further information  
and an officer said it was impos-  
sible to deport him until his na-  
tionality had been established.

Accused was accordingly re-  
manded.

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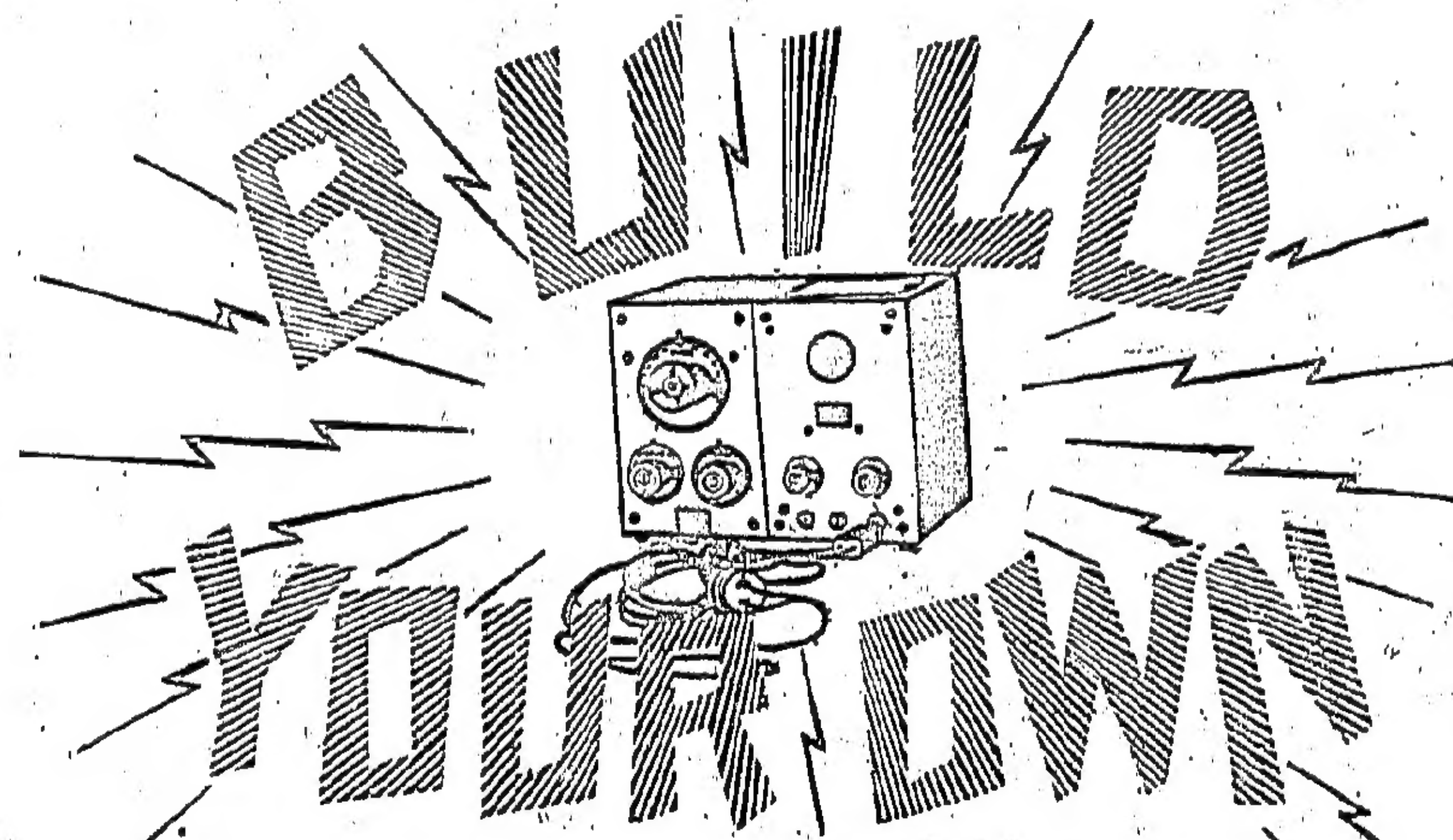
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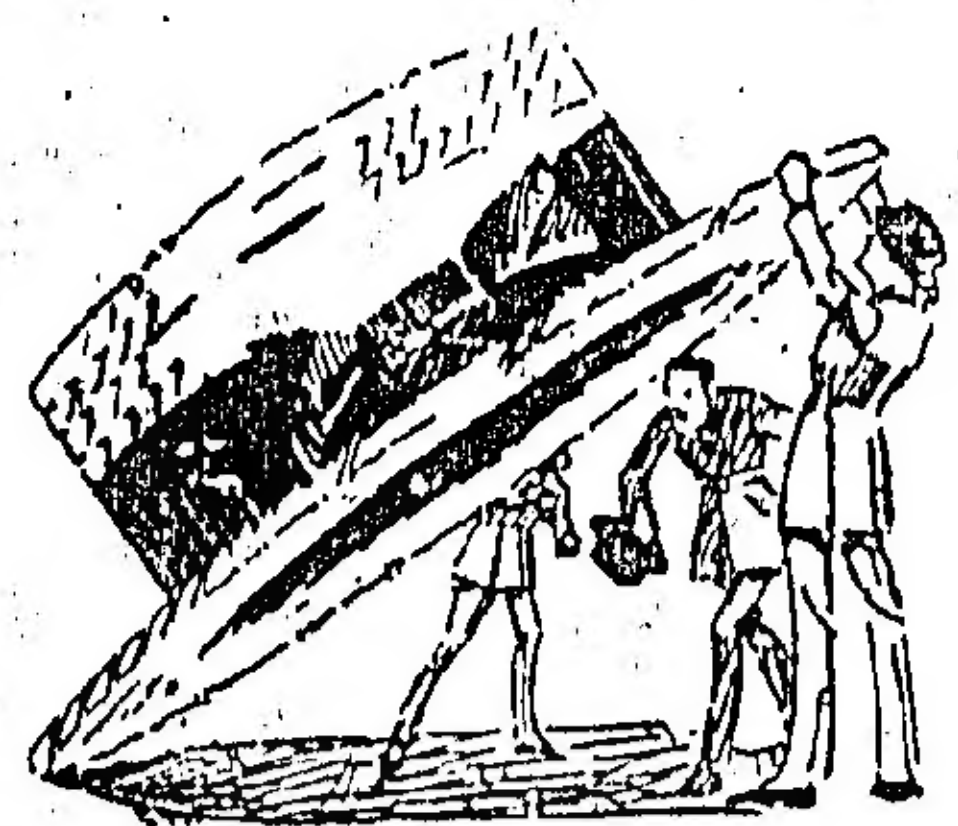
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INTERESTING STORIES OF  
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A new Great Seal—the expression of the King's pleasure in its most solemn form—is being made.

The first known Great Seal was a small piece of lead attached by a silk thread to a Charter of Edward the Confessor. Green wax was substituted for metal by the time of the Conquest. The Seal itself is not a signet but consists of two silver plates, in one of which is cut the impression of the front of the device and in the other that for the back. The obverse shows, from time immemorial, the Sovereign enthroned and surrounded by figures symbolical of the virtues. The reverse—until the present reign—represented the sovereign on horseback. King George created a precedent by figuring on the counter seal as an admiral standing on the deck of a battleship.

Sealer and Chaff-Wax.

When a Seal is required for affixing an expressive of the Sovereign's approval to some important Act of State or appointment a large chunk of wax is softened in hot water, then cooled in cold, after which it is placed between the two plates and pressed.

The process is performed by two officers—the Sealer and the Chaff-wax.

The death of the Sovereign, the wearing out of the mechanism, or the change in royal arms or style (as in the present case) necessitates the making of a new Seal, the cost of which is between £400 and £600.

Since 1878 many documents which formerly had to pass the Great Seal have under statute been impressed with a water reproduction of the seal instead. In 1916, as a measure of war economy, a wafer Great Seal on loan paper was substituted for certain documents, such as patents of knights, and comers d'alire of archbishops and bishops. The Royal Assent, patents of Peers and baronets, the appointment of judges must still be on parchment and bear the Great Seal.

The custodian of the Great Seal is the Lord Chancellor, and as such—now that the Primate no longer combines both offices—is the second man in the kingdom. The solemnity of its custody is shown by the fact that it has never been out of the kingdom since 1521, when Wolsey, on a mission to Calais, took it there. In 1915 the first Great Seal of Charles II. was discovered in a volume of the Clarendon State papers at the Bodleian, thus completing the gap in the series of Great Seals otherwise complete except for the 4th Seal of Henry VI. for French affairs.

Dropped into Thames.

The vicissitudes of particular Great Seals have been numerous. James II., on flying from his kingdom, dropped his into the Thames, whence it was dredged up next day by a fisherman. The one for which Lord Chancellor Thurlow was responsible was stolen from his bedroom and never rediscovered.

In 1812 a fire broke out in Lord Eldon's country seat. For safety's sake he buried the Great Seal in a flower bed, and in the excitement forgot where. The whole household had later to dig and rake the garden till it was discovered.

Lord Chancellor Brougham is related to have taken it with him on a visit to a country house in Scotland, where the ladies of the party—it is related—first hid it and then made pancakes in the mould.

## AUSTRALIAN'S RISE.

FROM JOINER TO AGENT-GENERAL.

Mr. W. C. Augwin, the new Agent-General for Western Australia, who has arrived in London to relieve Sir Harold Colebatch, has had a romantic career. He was born in the little Cornish village of St. Just nearly sixty-four years ago, and after leaving school served an apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner. At the age of 23, after working some years at his trade, and getting married, he went out to Australia. His idea was to stay there for three years; but, like many another, the attractions of that vast continent were too much for him. From 1886 to 1904 he worked in Western Australia at his trade. Then he took up politics, and entered Parliament as a follower of the first Labour Government in Australia, and became an honorary Minister, with Mr. Daylish as Premier. During his parliamentary career Mr. Augwin held office in the Migration, Health, and Charities Departments.

At the funeral of Henry Jackson, aged 86, blacksmith, of Benniworth, Lincolnshire, the tiny shoes worn by his twin brother, who died as a baby, were placed by his own wish in the coffin.

## 20,000 PEOPLE TO ONE DOCTOR.

DISEASE RAVAGES IN RUSSIA.

The fourth Soviet Medical Congress just concluded at Moscow has revealed the terrible conditions under which the medical profession is working in the Soviet Republic and shows that the consequences of this state of affairs are far-reaching in connexion with the health of the people.

In addition to being under-paid (the average earnings of a Soviet medical officer were officially returned as 92 roubles a month, or about 46s. a week) members of the medical profession are living, according to the Pravda, in an atmosphere of distrust and suspicion. They are subject to ruthless official persecution and are frequently assaulted by officials and patients or their relatives.

Cases were cited of suicide among doctors in consequence of "the soulless treatment" by chiefs of local Soviets and of actual murder by high officials. Among the after cases, the Pravda drew special attention to the case of Comrade Sorokin, the Chief of the State Planning Department of the Tartar Soviet Republic, who killed the local medical officer merely to assert his authority in a department not under his jurisdiction.

After citing other cases, the Pravda concludes:

These cases are only examples, and they do not therefore give a real picture of the difficult conditions—murder, assault, and insulting behaviour—to which doctors are exposed. But to all this should be added the ill-treatment of doctors by the hooligans, in order that these conditions should be better understood.

## Disease Among The Young.

It was revealed further that only 5,000 medical practitioners are working in rural Russia, where they are charged to look after 100 million people—i.e., some 20,000 to each doctor. In addition to this, about a third of rural Russia has no qualified medical officers and the people are treated by the old-fashioned barber-surgeons or by village witches and quacks. Each hospital cot must serve the needs of 1,650 people, while the accommodation for the insane is less than half of the prewar standard.

Dr. Semashko, the Soviet Commissar of Health (mentioned in Sir Austen Chamberlain's Note), reported that diseases of an infectious and "social" character are on the increase, and drew special attention to the fact that nervous diseases among the young are "terrifying." He also pointed out that the number of insane and abnormal children is very high, while the institutions to treat them are insufficient.

## WOMEN 3,000 YEARS AGO.

MANICURE SET AND EAR CLEANER.

Centuries before the Romans, in A.D. 43, first landed in this country, there were women living on the site of the West End of London who, in their own primitive way, strove just as much to be "fashionable" as the women who to-day throng the shops of Bond-street, Regent-street, and Oxford-street, says a Home paper. They were women of the Bronze Age, which extended from about 2,000 to 500 B.C. and of the Early Iron Age, which covered the period between 500 B.C. and A.D. 43, when the Roman conquest of Britain began.

Dr. R. E. Mortimer Wheeler, keeper and secretary of the London Museum, showed a Daily Mail reporter relics which prove that London's prehistoric women were not a whit less anxious than the women of modern London to preserve their looks and make themselves attractive.

They are bronze armlets at the museum which once graced the arms of the beauties of 3,000 years and more ago. They were dug up at Putney and other spots along the Thames.

There are armlets of gold found deep down in the soil of North London, and brooches of bronze and gold and pins and needles of bronze

which, though they had lain in the earth at Mortlake 2,500 years before they were dug up, would yet serve their original purposes.

London's prehistoric women greatly favoured Dorset shale and Yorkshire jet as the materials of many of their ornaments, particularly bracelets.

They wore hairpins of bronze which closely resembled the modern hatpin, and around which they wound their long tresses very cunningly.

Shoes Like To-day's.

In one case in the museum may be seen a remarkable set of toilet implements used by a fashionable London woman of the Early Iron Age. It was dug up within the City boundaries, and includes, in addition to various sizes of nail-cleaners and nail-parers, a wonderfully cleverly fashioned pair of tweezers used for plucking out superfluous hairs from the face, and a tiny, spoon-shaped implement for cleaning the ears.

The whole set is still attached to its original "holder," just as a bunch of keys is to-day attached to a ring.

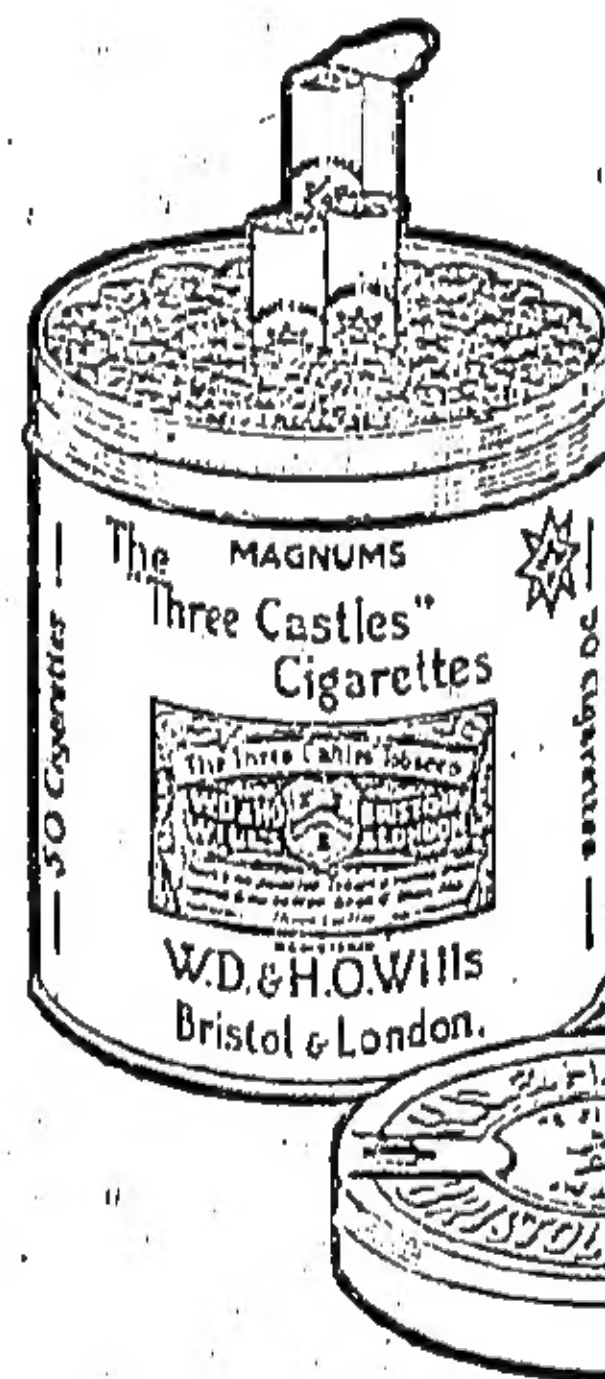
"The set was carried about by its user, attached to her girdle," Dr. Wheeler explained.

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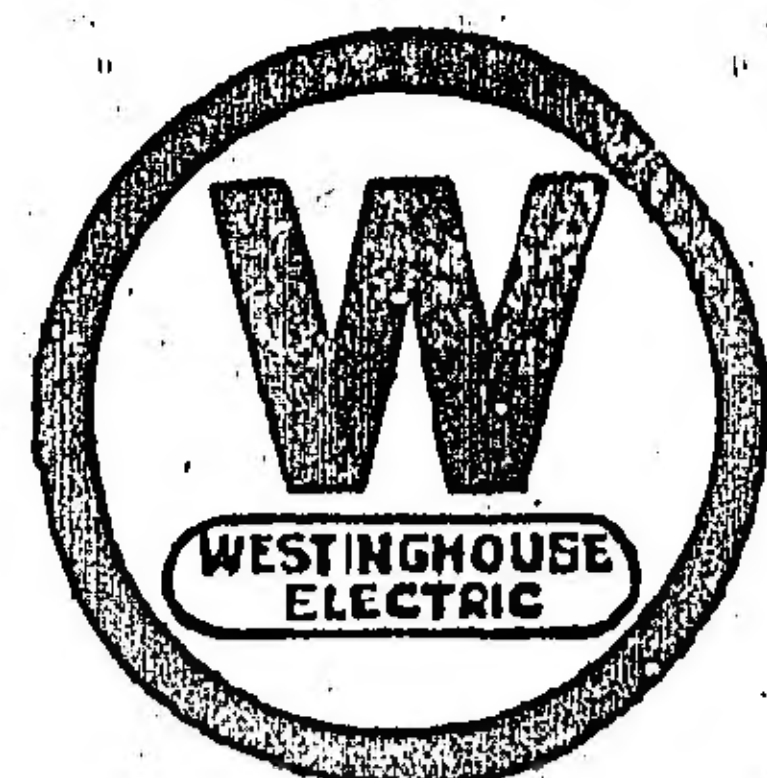
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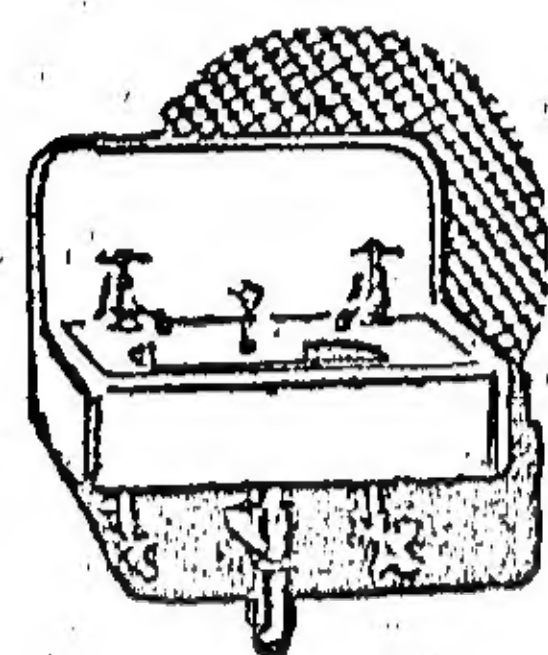




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## THE RED MENACE.

### COMMUNISTS AND THE KUOMINTANG.

In the course of a statement to  
members of the Press at Lunghua  
Shanghai, Gen. Pei Chung-hsi, the  
Martial Law Commissioner, said  
that the recent measures adopted  
by the authorities to suppress the  
General Labour Union, to disarm  
the "Supervisory Corps," and to  
attach the Central Political  
Bureau, were aimed at terminating  
the Bolshevik menace in China as  
it was learned from excellent au-  
thority that the bodies mentioned  
were simply Communist agencies.

Gen. Pei said that he wished to  
emphasize three points with re-  
gard to the relations between the  
Kuomintang and the Communist  
Party. In the first place, he said,  
the Communists were admitted to  
the Kuomintang on the explicit  
understanding that they would  
obey the regulations of the party  
and abide by the Three Principles  
of the People laid down by the late  
President Sun Yat-sen.

#### No Statement on Nanking.

Secondly, he said, the Commu-  
nists' aim was somewhat similar to  
that of the Kuomintang and, third-  
ly, the Nationalist military authori-  
ties here were not, in any respect,  
opposed to the Nationalist Govern-  
ment or the Central Executive  
Committee of the Kuomintang in  
Hankow, but they would attack  
counter-revolutionaries who at-  
tempted to play the wolf at the  
expense of the Kuomintang.

#### Return Reparations.

Questioned relating to the Na-  
tionalist policy on the Nanking af-  
fair, the General remarked that he  
could make no statement as that  
was a matter which involved diplo-  
matic negotiation, but he thought  
it would be advisable to organize  
a committee consisting of foreign-  
ers and Chinese to investigate the  
affair and find out the exact  
amount of damage on both sides.

The Nationalist Government  
would be ready to pay compensa-  
tion for the damage suffered by  
foreigners but, at the same time,  
it would demand reparations of  
the governments concerned for the  
injury done to Chinese citizens as  
a result of the bombardment of  
the city by foreign gunboats.

## DUTCH BULBS IN PARKS.

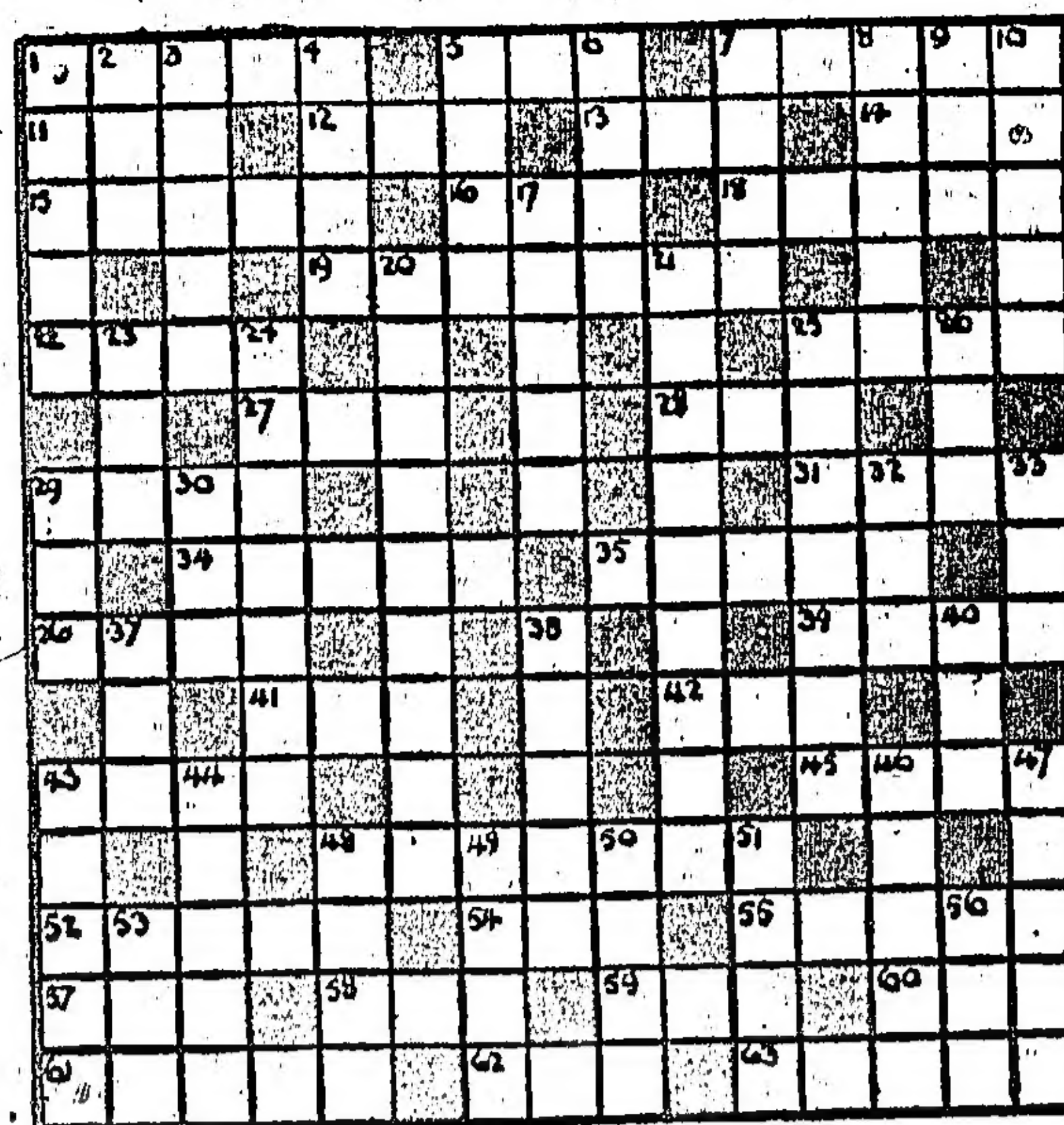
### OBJECTION BY BRITISH FIRMS.

The announcement that the  
Office of Works has accepted from  
the Dutch Bulb Growers' Associa-  
tion 56,000 tulip bulbs for plant-  
ing in the royal parks has been  
received with anger and aston-  
ishment by British bulb growers.  
They point out the irony of a  
Government Department assisting  
the Dutch to advertise their  
tulips at a time when it is the  
declared policy of the Government  
to promote the sale of British  
goods, and when another depart-  
ment, the Ministry of Agriculture,  
is actively encouraging the  
British bulb-growing industry.

Mr. S. W. Hale, of the Horti-  
cultural Trades' Association  
(which represents British growers  
and retailers of bulbs), pointed out  
to a newspaper reporter that the  
places where the Dutch tulips have  
been planted—10,000 close to the  
Victoria Gate, Hyde Park—could  
not have been better chosen from  
the point of view of advertisement.  
At the rate we are progressing,  
he said, and if given encourage-  
ment, we are likely to reach a  
point before long when we shall  
be able to do without Dutch tulips  
altogether. We can already meet  
the Dutch tulips in price.

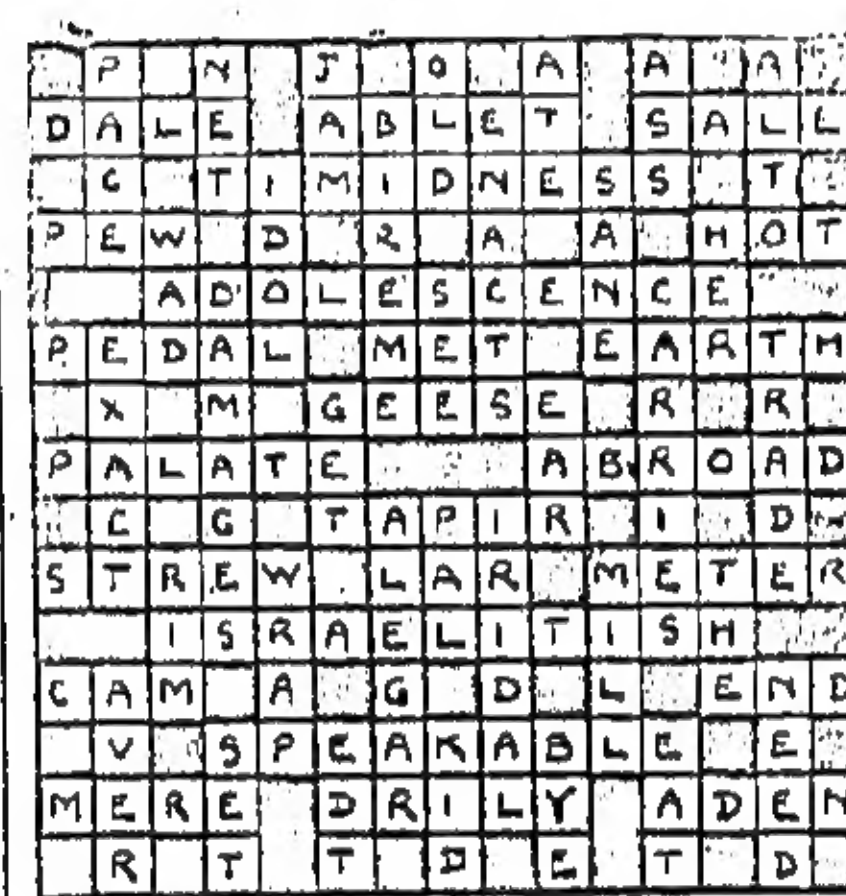
But our home industry will be  
checked if its rivals are given  
official encouragement on this  
scale. It is intended to raise the  
question of acceptance of the  
Dutch gift in Parliament.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Compounds used for cleaning.
  - Some.
  - Scene of contest.
  - Conquer.
  - Girl's name.
  - Affect with pain.
  - Place in position.
  - Resinous exudation of trees.
  - Conjunction.
  - Painter's stand.
  - Pertaining to Chaldean.
  - Small horses.
  - Those in the affirmative.
  - Propels a rowing boat.
  - Common tree.
  - Retain.
  - Units of cloth measurement.
  - Ornamental edging.
  - Anglo-Saxon Baron.
  - Girl's name.
  - Jot.
  - Religious female in seclusion.
  - Catch fish with.
  - To.
  - Long time.
  - Slander.
  - Work's hard.
  - Before.
  - One who is deprived.
  - Small hotel.
  - Pavory.
  - Donkey.
  - Anger.
  - Welsh National Emblems.
  - Tear.
  - Alleviated.
- Down.
- Opposed to bitter.
  - Insoluble in water.
  - Regarding.
  - Levantine vessel.
  - Indian coin.
  - 36 inches.
  - Side opposite to wind.
  - Short story.
  - Born.
  - Collection of maps.
  - More aged.
  - Those who serve for wages.
  - Large mammals.
  - Same as 60 across.
  - High female voice.
  - Quality of being pleasant.
  - Snake-like fish.
  - To know.
  - New.
  - 5th sign of the Zodiac.
  - Health resort.
  - Element of an electrolyte.
  - Young ox.
  - High pointed rock.
  - Till.
  - Your (poet).
  - Fertile spot in desert.
  - Transgressed.
  - Cryptian snakes.
  - Nobleman.
  - Cut and gather.
  - Otherwise.
  - Unit.
  - Before.

#### Yesterday's Puzzle.



## LIVING ON HIS TITLE.

### MARRIED AND DIVORCED EIGHT TIMES.

Count Gunther von Konigsmark,  
who was lately arrested by the  
Bavarian police, is one of the en-  
viable people who contrive to make  
money without work.

He first came into public notice  
when forced to resign his commis-  
sion in the Guards. His wealthy  
relatives, annoyed that a member  
of the family should be involved in  
a scandal, cut off all support and  
Count Gunther promptly married  
a middle-class woman who was  
yearning to become a countess.

The closing of a gaming club in  
which the count had invested half  
of his wife's money, on account of  
the arrest of its manager, led to  
his temporary ruin. Count Gun-  
ther packed his wife off to her par-  
ents, sold his house, and arrived  
at Monte Carlo with £1,100,  
which melted quickly at the gam-  
ing tables.

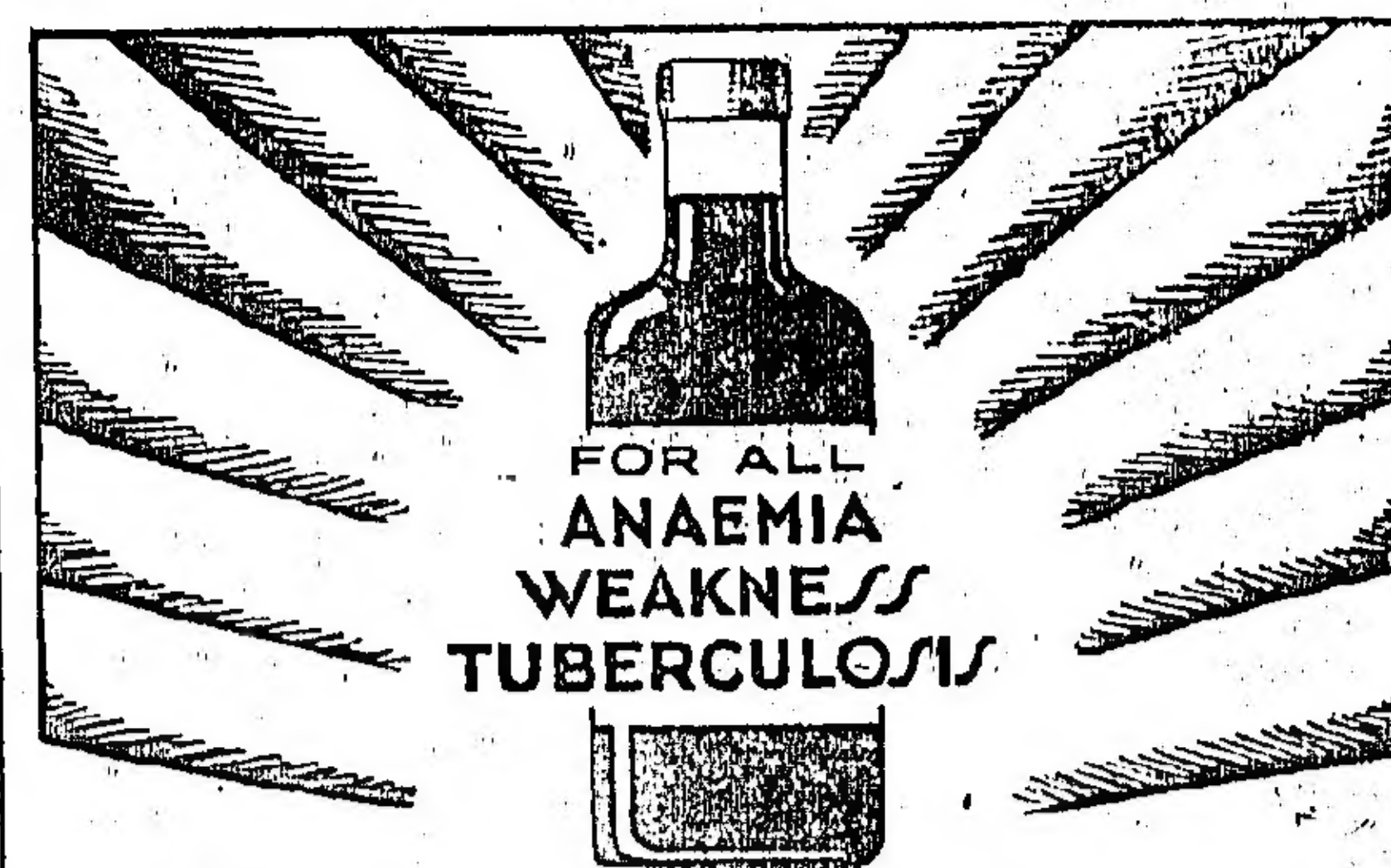
He wife divorced him and left  
him free to exploit his new only  
remaining means of profit, his  
title. He arrived in Berlin almost  
penniless and married again.  
Money on the nail and divorce in  
three months were his terms, and  
between 1902 and 1913 he was  
married and divorced eight times.  
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## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

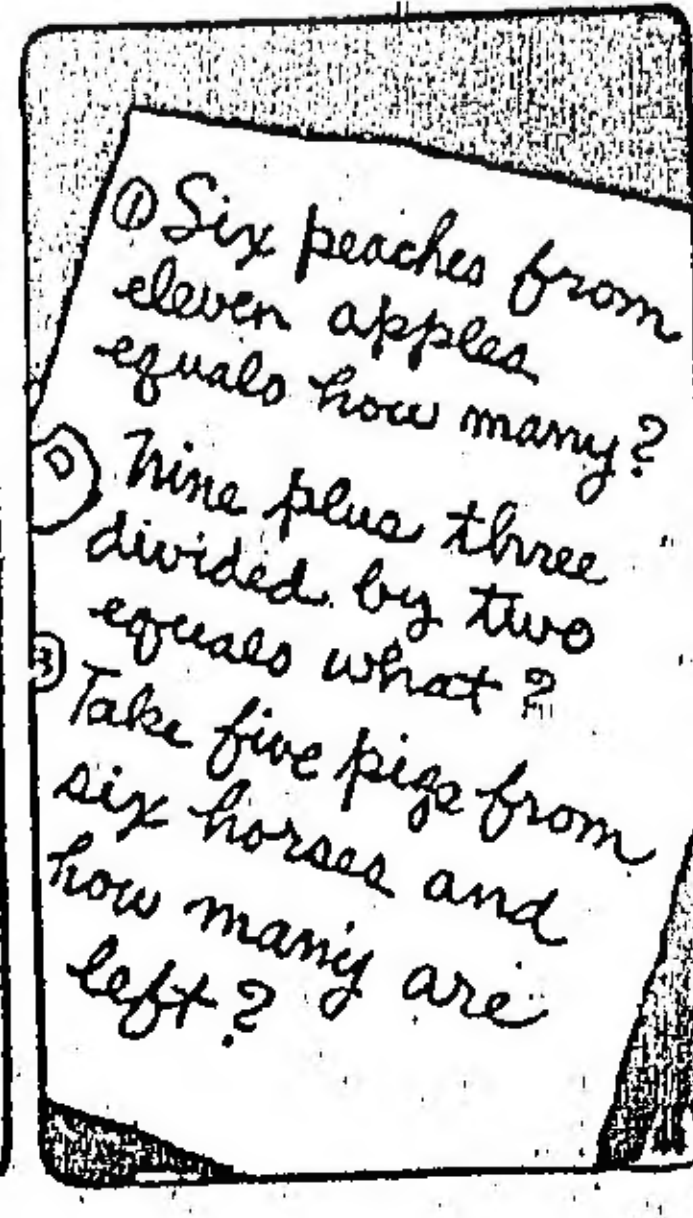


GEE—I FEEL GOOD  
GOING TO SCHOOL TODAY—  
I GOT ALL MY HOME  
WORK DONE AND I'  
THREE PROBLEMS  
TEACHER ASKED  
US TO MAKE  
UP!



SAY, TAKE  
A LOOK AT  
MY PROBLEMS  
AND SEE HOW  
GOOD YA THINK  
THEY ARE!

SURE!



① Six peaches from  
eleven apples  
equals how many?  
② Nine plus three  
divided by two  
equals what?  
③ Take five pigs from  
six horses and  
how many are  
left?



WHAT'S THE  
MATTER? DON'T  
THEY READ ALL  
RIGHT?

HOHO—I SHOULD  
SAY NOT!! YOU  
CAN'T TAKE FIVE  
PIGS FROM SIX HORSES  
OR ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT!!



WHY NOT? I TOOK  
SIX PANCAKES FROM  
ONE PLATE THIS  
MORNING!!



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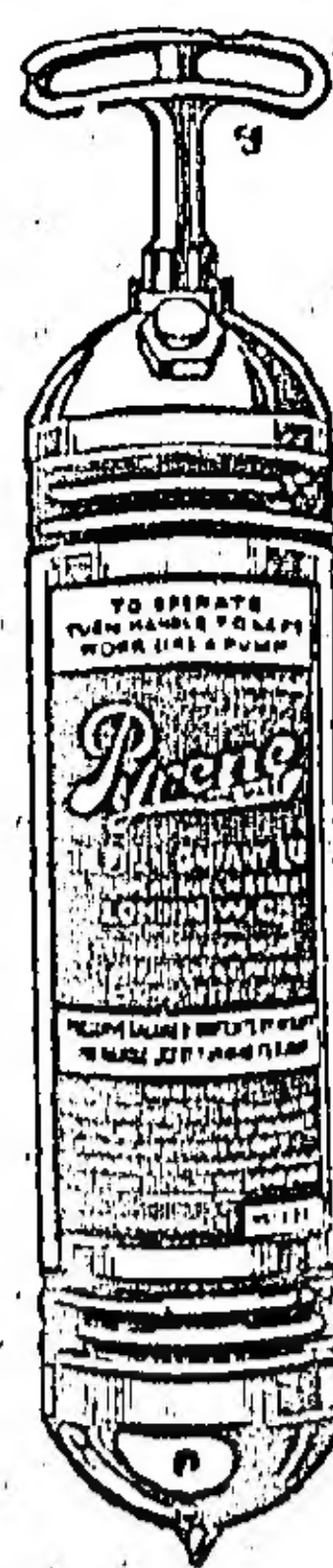
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### The Hongkong Telegraph

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1927.

### THE HANKOW CRISIS.

It is not surprising that the part of the Nationalist Government which is left in Hankow is finding itself in growing difficulties. From the standpoint of supplies, Hankow is very much dependent on the trade of the Yangtze—a trade which the Chinese themselves have brought to an absolute standstill by their ridiculous methods against the foreign interests operating it. In the matter of rice, Hankow is placed somewhat similarly to Canton—the local supply needing reinforcing by imported quantities. In the matter of coal also, Hankow is dependent on supplies from outside, and owing to the cessation of nearly all normal trade these supplies have stopped. Without the flow of commerce, money largely ceases to circulate, and with the stoppage of industries labour is left unemployed and soon gets hungry. Thus we have presented to-day the spectacle of a great centre like the three Wuhan cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Yangtze in the grip of a paralysis which has been brought about by meddling politicians and hatred-breeding agitators. Hankow is cut off from Yangtze supplies by the fact that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is sitting astride the river down at Nanking and that no trading vessels are moving. It is not possible nor economically sound to feed and supply Hankow from anywhere south of Changsha—the point at which most of the water-borne trade of central China ceases. Financial credit and confidence is wavering in Hankow because of the formidable array of enemies surrounding the Nationalist faction there, and it seems inevitable that a serious crisis will eventually ensue. Just how serious it will be all depends on the success of the Government's present attempts to restore confidence by persuading the foreign business men to resume trade. That is not so easily done as said, for there is evidently much anti-foreign tension still prevailing. And before a man will consent to re-commence the business out of which he was forced to withdraw by reason of such things as the tyranny of labour, lack of protection from unruly elements and the absence of law and order generally, he has to be assured that he will not again find himself up against a similar array of impossible circumstances. It is easy for Mr. Eugene Chen to appeal

for a re-commencement of business, and it might appeal to him to speak about not guaranteeing the integrity of foreign premises in Hankow which are occupied by their lawful owners, but there are some obvious things first to be done by him and his colleagues in the Hankow Government. It is through no fault of their own that the foreign firms and banks have been forced to close down; the business men have hung on in face of intolerable hardships and at much personal risk. It is only fair to ask that there shall be restored that confidence of protection and that fair and just dealing which is the right of men in a civilised age before the foreign merchants of Hankow are entreated to resume trading. Of course, it might be that the split between the Hankow party and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and the very uncertain help which Canton might be prepared to render Hankow, plus the fact that the Fengtien forces are making a fresh offensive on the Nationalist front to the north of Hankow, make so powerful a combination of adverse circumstances that whatever action the foreign merchants of Hankow take would be of little avail at the present time. It is certain that Hankow's plight is a perilous one, and it is also certain that the authorities there have largely brought their trials upon themselves by their failure to govern aright.

### Portuguese Volunteers.

The recent formation of two platoons of Portuguese in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and the announcement yesterday that a brass band of Portuguese musicians is being enrolled, revives the interest in the work which this community has done for the Colony in times of need. As we remarked editorially at the time of the Canton boycott, in 1925, the authorities were very largely indebted to the Portuguese residents for their assistance in various essential services. About that time there was a big enrolment of recruits in the Defence Corps, and individuals of this community, who had not joined up since the disbandment of the old defence units at the close of the World War, willingly came forward as Volunteers. They were enrolled along with other nationalities, mostly in the infantry section, but as their numbers grew the question of a separate unit was raised, and it was decided that if a sufficient number could be obtained, a Portuguese Company would eventually materialise. Some weeks ago, a recruiting campaign brought in many of the community's young men, and the result has been the formation of two special platoons, which are continually being added to as more join up. Possibly the numbers will yet attain a figure that will justify a full Company being formed. The idea of a brass band for the Corps is not new, and recalls the old Police Reserve band of war days, most of whom were Portuguese. Inherently musical, they are sure to give a good account of themselves. It may be mentioned that about a year ago the nucleus of a drum and fife band was gathered, and probably the drummers will be available for the present musical section. The addition of a brass band, at the very least, which, with the steady growth in strength, the more efficient programme of training, and in view of the time through which we are passing, has attained a position of decided importance in the Colony's scheme of defence.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

Paris	124
New York	4.85/19/32
Brussels	34.92
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.13/3
Milan	93.25
Berlin	20.49
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.81
Vienna	34.5/10
Prague	163/3
Helsinki	192/3
Madrid	27.75/32
Lisbon	217/32
Athens	362
Bucharest	755
Rio	5/27/32
Buenos Aires	47/2
Bombay	1/6.19/32
Shanghai	2/6/3
Hongkong	2/6/3
Yokohama	1/13/4
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

### DAY BY DAY.

NOT SOCIALISM, OR ANY OTHER "ISM," CAN PERMANENTLY EQUALISE THE FORTUNES OF MEN. THE STRONG WILL DOMINATE, THE WEAK MUST SUCCEED.—John Burroughs.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The name of Mr. F. Munford has been added to the List of Authorized Architects.

A thief entered Mr. Custodis' flat at No. 44 Nathan Road last night, and stole a sum of \$95.

It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, the Tai Yuen Hotel Company, Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved.

H. E. the Governor has appointed Dr. William Leslie Thomas to be a member of the Advisory Committee of the Peak Hospital, during the absence on leave of Dr. Stuart Seguin Strahan, M.B., B.Ch., or until further notice.

Monday being Anzac Day, members of the Ex-Active Service men's Association and others interested will be present at 9.30 a.m. on 25th April, at the Cenotaph, when a wreath will be laid in memory of the Australians and New Zealanders who gave their lives in the Great War.

At St. Andrews' Church, Kowloon to-morrow morning the dedication of Girl Guide colours takes place, the colours to be dedicated being the King's Colour and the Company Colour of the 2nd. Kowloon Guide Company, (Diocesan Girls' School). This is the first ceremony of the kind ever to take place in the Colony.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending April 16, reveals four cases of plague at Rangoon and one at Singapore. With regard to cholera there were 16 cases at Saigon, eight at Haiphong, 19 at Bangkok and one at Rangoon. The incidence of smallpox was as follows: Rangoon 66, Tuticorin 4, Bangkok 9, Macao 1, Dairen 3, and Hakodate 1.

The Hospital Comforts Committee acknowledges with thanks the gift of 22 gramophone records from Mr. A. H. Crook, Queen's College. A gift or loan of two sewing machines, for the use of the Nursing Staff at the No. 7, General Hospital, Kowloon, would be greatly appreciated. The machines should be sent direct to the Hospital or to Mr. E. Ralphs or Mr. A. Morris at the Education Office. Mrs. W. T. Southern and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., have been added to the Hospital Comforts Committee.

### PRINCES IN SPAIN.

#### A BRITISH ROYAL VISIT.

London, April 22.  
The Prince of Wales and Prince George, accompanied by Brigadier-General Trotter, arrived in Madrid this morning on a visit to the King and Queen of Spain.

They were met at the station by the British Ambassador, the King and Queen of Spain, General Amado, the Minister of the Interior, and many members of the British colony.

A large crowd cheered the royal visitors as they drove to the palace. —British Wireless.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### AN APPEAL TO BOXERS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I wonder whether the Boxing Association Members or the Boxing Fans of the Colony can carry their memories back to the days of 1913 and 14, at the old Victoria Skating Rink also to the City Hall.

At that time there was a Bantam Weight Champion of the Colony a man that could have always been depended on to see that the fans had their money's worth when he was scrapping. He was always clean and acknowledged to be one of the best.

The man went away to the Philippines, boxed there and always had the same record.

It is now 1927, the man is now at present living in Wanchai, married and has a family of six children dependent on him. He has no work and what with this trade depression not likely to get any. Given the chance I think that he would make good.

The above man is Iron Box. Surely some of the Association Members or even the fans can do something for him. It isn't charity that he is seeking, but just that helping hand.—Yours, etc.,

LOOKER ON.  
Hongkong, April 23, 1927.

## THE CAPTAIN

His Home on the Welsh Border.

The village of S—lies at the foot of a long metalled hill on the border of England and North Wales. You see its half-dozen elish cottages through the bare branches of the elms and oaks which stand about firmly weaving and shutting the Welsh gales as coarsely and tangled they blow the border.

T—, the next village on the main road, is red and solid and as English as brick can be; but at S— the little windows of the odd cottages shine like birds' eyes. The heads of the cottages nod this way and that like a covey of partridges half hidden in long grasses and sunlight, and you discern them only just in time.

A step further, a moment later, you think, and they would have lifted their clattering wings and whirled heavily into the coppices over the flat fields.

All except one. There is one house in S—which (even if other houses could be off flapping their gables and dropping their tiles like feathers) would never fly. At least it would never fly by day. This is the house on the side of the steep and naked lump of hill under which the village shelters. It is a narrow gray house, with French windows and two turrets like ears, and it is perched on top of a terrace of lawns. It is like an owl. Even the pointed white porch between the windows is like an owl's sharp beak.

When men go to work in the quarry behind the hill they see the iron-spiked gates of the house are closed and its drive as bare as a bone. The blinds, too, are drawn; as though the stern and lonely bird is asleep. In the middle of the night, when I hear an owl's signal (Ho-coo! Ho-coo! like a signal train feeling its way in the dark) I cannot help thinking of the house and saying to myself, "The captain!"

Then, is there a mystery about the house and this captain? you ask. How do I know if there is a mystery? How can I tell? How can I judge a man if I have not been in his house? The fact is, nobody in the village knows as much as they think they ought to know about the captain.

He has retired from the navy. He is a bachelor. He lives alone, and he scarcely ever goes out. There is nothing in that. But—Hens lay, cocks crow, cows are milked, and men clean their boots and go to their barns, their ploughs and benches, but that does not keep a village from wanting to know just a little more, from calculating this and wondering the other.

Many years before, a man had bought the bare lump of hill by the village and had dug a quarry in it. There was a thing the villagers could understand. Men from the village worked in the quarry. Great lunged horses and thrifty, sniffling lorries pulled and bumped through the muddy lane that led from the village to the quarry, with their full loads and half loads of broken stone. The captain complained of the damage done to the lane. That was an ordinary, sensible thing to do: the villagers could understand that.

Again, he cuts back his shrubs till they are as low as bulwarks. He clears his decks, so to speak. He has lopped the trees. There is not an inch of wood too much in his grounds, and in the winter the bare, hull of the hill looms blackly through a scanty rigging of branches.

The top terrace of the lawns is his bride, though he is rarely seen on it. His lawns are as clean as if they had been scrubbed. There is not a leaf on the gravel nor a sign of moss. The outer defences of his grounds are armoured by thick mounds and on the wall the glass has been renewed.

Those taciturn holly bushes! It is a place as formidable as a dreadnought with the house perched up top like an owl—if such a combination is possible. All this the village can understand, for he lops and prunes in the season and builds when it is best to build. But—Why is he alone? Why does he see so few people? The blinds are not drawn today. Or the blinds are drawn! Now, what do you make of that?

Even the dogs of the village as they pass the gate roll their curious mongrel eyes. It is beyond their easy-going fashions. The iron gate is closed and the captain's dog barks through the bars, inaccessible. Uncomprehending, they lift a doubting paw and gaze; then wisely they scot away into the fields and chase friends whose ways are theirs.

Isn't it a strange thing the captain's house is perched on a hill and can see everything that goes on in the village? At S—on bright mornings the sun throws its bucket of eastern light over the trees and over the roofs; and the wind from the Welsh mountains, if there is one, sends the sky running like a man scampering after his hat. There is a house with a white gate there, and upstairs in the bedrooms a housemaid goes twittering. As she tucks in the blankets and smooths down the sheets she sings:

Land of hope and glory,  
mother of the free,

as high as a sparrow. Down stairs in the kitchen she counts the eggs that have been laid that morning and fills the lamps, singing still. "Always merry and bright," she sings, and her shrill "r's" are as sharp and as high as sleet on the window. In the afternoon she can see the postman go up the captain's drive.

At the builder's, where the piles and planks are stacked against the walnut tree a young man who has been a soldier is sawing up logs. Two men with hobbled voices go up the long hill with a ladder on their shoulders to a lane that pours down to the manor.

Up the blue macadam hill the lorries drum like oily bees; and down the hill they spin with their hundred-weights of coal behind them, slinging it down from the mines. The chimneys of the mines stick out of the tops of the distant Welsh hills like little pistons.

At four o'clock the fires are red in the parlors of the cottages. Their windows, sills are on the ground itself and the windows peer up like birds at the passing wheels. In the grocer's a woman is weighing out rice. You can hear the tap of the scale pan and you can see the top of her silver head. There is a muttering and popping from a gas engine which the builder has installed—the things you can do if you have a gas engine!—and at times there is a clattering of pails when the chickens are being fed. You may see a woman pegging her washing to a line.

At five or six the men crunch back from the quarry, where the stone crusher has stopped turning and bellowing, and the foreman has gone home on his thin bicycle with a prick of red light behind it. As they pass the captain's trim and warlike grounds, lopped branches raised like canons to the sky, the men glance up and see a light in the window of the house. Now what's he up to? What d'you make of that? Or perhaps there is no light. No light up at the captain's house! What's he do with himself? Didn't know he was away. N'more he ain't. Umph!

### PIRATES CAUGHT IN A TRAP.

#### BRISK ENGAGEMENT ON THE SOOCHOW CREEK.

While attempting to plunder a number of junks in the West Kiangchiao District, near Jessfield, on Friday last a gang of about 25 pirates were surprised by a detachment of Chapel Merchant Volunteers who had received previous notice of their intentions.

Few details of the affairs have been forthcoming, but it appears that a trap was laid for the miscreants, who appeared on the scene at the appointed time.

Immediately after they had boarded one of the junks, they were surrounded by the Volunteers and a severe fight took place which lasted for well over 15 minutes. Finding that they had been trapped, the marauders made a desperate attempt to break through the cordon but they were

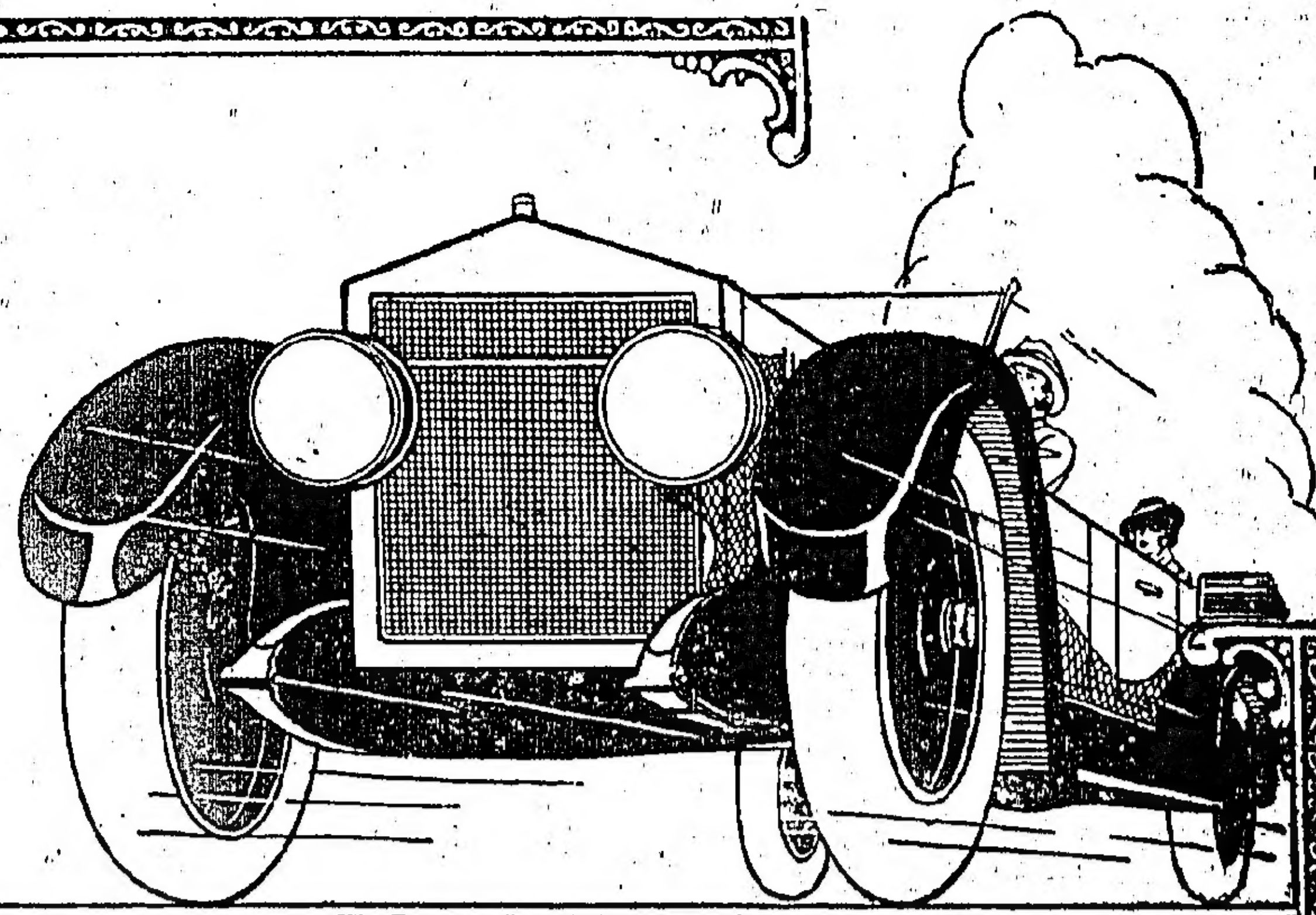
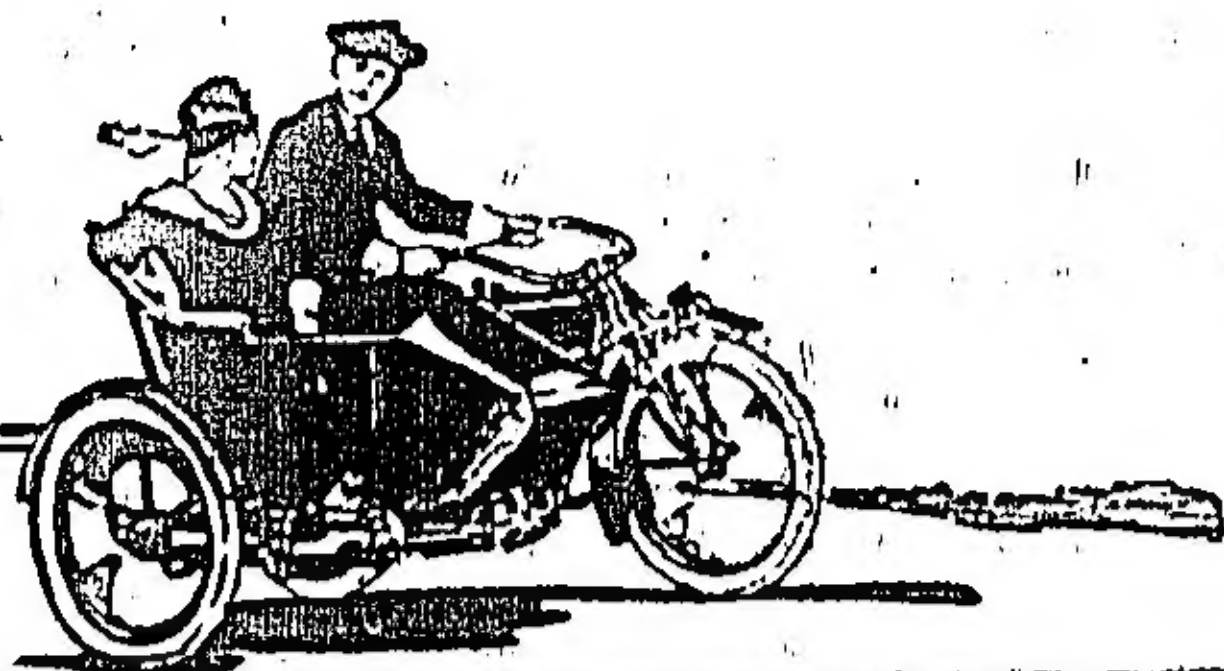
met by a hail of bullets, which they returned. Two of the pirates were killed outright, eight others were wounded, and ten arrests were made. On the Volunteers' side, one was severely wounded. Two non-combatants were struck by stray bullets and killed, one of these being a two-year old baby and the other a lad of 14 years.

**Fight on Rubicon.**  
Another fight occurred on the Rubicon the same night, when a score of robbers tried to break into a farmer's home. They were armed with rifles and fired as they approached but they were met by sturdy resistance on the part of two young farmers who likewise were armed. After a heavy fusillade, the two farmers were brought to the ground, both being wounded very severely. After looting several houses, the robbers escaped into the country, and the two unfortunate men were taken to the Red Cross Hospital where they are now undergoing treatment. No arrests were made.



# MOTORING SUPPLEMENT

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## CURRENT COMMENT

### Ricksha Lamps.

A local motorist has asked us to draw attention to the danger which exists on the Peak as a result of unlighted rickshas using the motor road. Our informant mentioned that on several occasions recently he has passed these vehicles late at night, and in one instance, narrowly escaped a collision in the vicinity of the garages on the main motor road just above Barker Road. On that occasion the night was foggy, and it was by the merest chance that the car did not crash into two unlighted rickshas which were travelling in an easterly direction. We gladly give publicity to the complaint, because the matter is a most urgent one. At the place where the two rickshas mentioned above were met, a motor driver would have a good excuse if a collision did occur, because such vehicles are seldom met with so far down the road, it being customary to use Barker Road when travelling by ricksha towards the Magazine Gap locality. The ricksha passengers run the greatest risk of injury, and we advise all such passengers to insist that the coolies light the lamps. No doubt the Police will take the necessary action.

### Lorry Speed.

An interesting decision has been reached at Home, and will probably result in the passing of a bill which will remove the present speed restrictions. One of the most important clauses in the proposed bill is that whereas light cars will be allowed to travel at any speed, providing no danger is caused to the public, all heavy vehicles such as motor vehicles, will be required not to exceed a speed of 15 miles per hour. In giving the reason for this restriction, it is pointed out that most of the damage to road surfaces is caused by heavy vehicles travelling too quickly. This is quite a sound reason, and such a regulation might well be imposed in Hongkong. We believe that there is a limit set for heavy vehicles, and that such limit is painted on the vehicle, but it is a frequent occurrence to meet lorries speeding at from 20 to 25 miles per hour. An instance of this happened quite recently when a heavy lorry, equipped with solid tyres, actually passed a touring car on the motor road down the Peak. At the time, the owner of the passenger car noticed that his speedometer registered 20 miles. Action should be taken against drivers who offend in this respect.

### Thoughtless.

On Wednesday last, a lady was observed driving a car in Pedder Street with a dog seated in her lap! The motorist who asked us to draw attention to such a dangerous practice, considered that a friendly warning from a Traffic Officer would probably have the desired effect. We trust that this publicity will also serve its purpose, because such an action, is, to say the least of it, both dangerous and foolish.

### Kowloon Thefts.

The fact that the Hongkong Automobile Association requested the Police to keep an eye on cars parked in the vicinity of the Kowloon Ferry, was not in any way a reflection on the ability of the uniformed patrol provided. On the contrary, we are assured that during the time these A.A. patrols have been on duty, thefts and interfering with cars have practically ceased. The man who

was caught red-handed and subsequently punished, chose an hour when the patrol was off duty, which in itself, is tribute to the vigilance of the patrol.

### New Members.

Since publishing the last list, the following motorists have joined the Hongkong Automobile Association:—

R. Sutherland.  
W. C. Gee.  
I. B. Trevor.  
Dr. W. Wagner.  
Li Shiu Ki.  
H. Pearman.  
S. Longfield.

### The Improved Clyno.

Amongst the makes of British cars which have steadily increased their vogue all over the world as well as in the country of origin, the Clyno takes a conspicuous place. Representatives have for some considerable time been touring the world for the purpose of investigating local conditions, and as a result of this enterprise, the makers of the Clyno have been put in possession of valuable first-hand information. By this means they have been able considerably to improve their car from the point of view of the overseas buyer. There is little doubt that such timely development will make Clyno cars more popular than ever in the widely distributed markets in which they have already been welcomed. So far the factory has not been directly represented in Hongkong, but now that Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. have been appointed agents, and have received demonstrating models, local motorists will have an opportunity of inspecting and testing these cars themselves. It should also be noted by intending purchasers that Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. have secured suitable premises to be used as a garage and service station, which, operated under European supervision, will assure future Clyno owners of constant attention and service.

### Electric Horns.

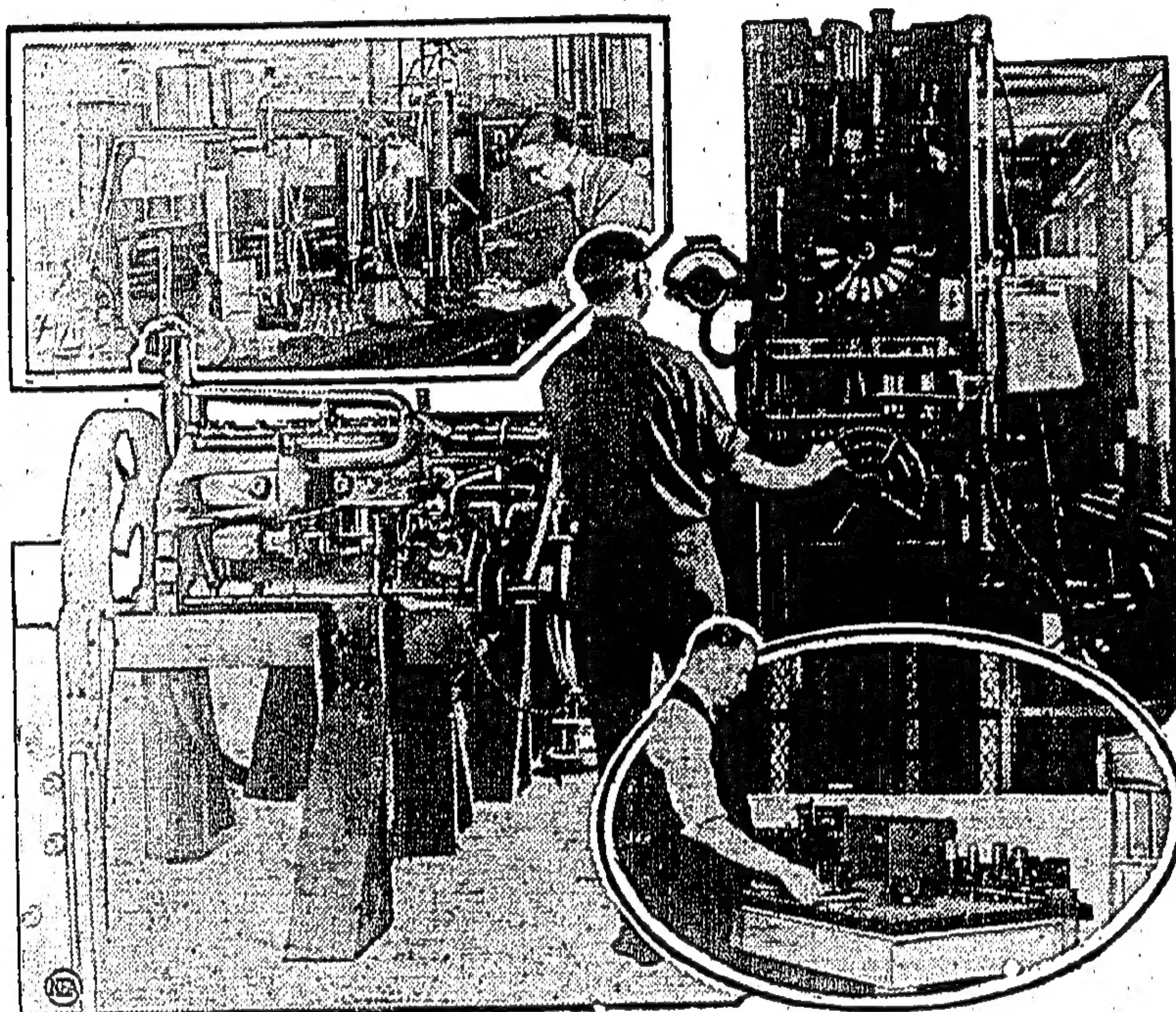
We understand that the Traffic Department is taking action in regard to motor horns which are liable to be confused with police whistles. Letters have been sent to owners of cars which have these misleading signal devices. That the Authorities view the matter as serious is indicated by the fact that at least one owner who disregarded both verbal and written warnings, was recently prosecuted. We have previously objected to the use of some of the screeching devices which are not at all necessary. During the week a new type of siren was heard in the City which apparently represented the soprano of the Fire Brigade sirens. This was also most objectionable, but as it gave vent to several shrieks in close proximity to a traffic officer, we imagine that its days are numbered.

## CHINA BUYS MORE TYRES.

Despite political unrest, China is now buying more motor tyres than in the past. According to the latest available figures there are registered in China 13,499 passenger cars, 2142 motor trucks, 632 motor buses and 1654 motorcycles.

## HOW AN AUTOMOBILE IS MADE.

Engineers Constantly Engaged in Research Work.



Automotive research engineers are pictured here at work in the General Motors Research Laboratories in Detroit. Centre photo shows an engine on a life test. Lower photo shows an engine in the high voltage cage working on a highly sensitive amplifier to detect noises and vibrations. Upper photo shows an engine in the fuel laboratory.

The present-day automobile is the product of a series of tests so detailed and exacting as to make an observer believe the automobile industry is the most thorough, most painstaking, most nearly perfect of all.

Yet a tour through the research laboratories of any automobile plant leaves the feeling that the automobile is far from perfect. This is the reaction I had after going through every department of great Detroit automobile plant to learn about the industry's latest advances.

I have followed the mind of the automotive engineer in its process of working out a new thought, followed the thought through the research stage, through its adoption in the complicated mechanics of automobile manufacture, and on to the final tests through which every car has to go before being approved as a finished product.

I have watched finished cars being driven under the best and worst of motoring conditions, abused to the utmost to find out whether it would stand the gaff in the hands even of the most inconsiderate owner.

### Nothing Still Perfect.

At the foundation of all this thoroughness are the research efforts of a corps of engineers working constantly with new formulas, new methods, new materials in order to improve the automobile. It is in the automotive research laboratory that the how, the why, and wherefore are investigated.

Here we find every single part of the automobile still under test for improvements. Here we have to decide that the automobile is far from being a perfect mechanism.

No better can this be illustrated than in the research activities concentrated on the power plant of the automobile.

Engineers, for instance, still are trying to find out just what combustion really is.

### Fuel Knock a Mystery.

Perhaps the most important of efforts in automotive research to-

day are being concentrated on the problem of fuel and its possibilities. A large part of the automotive research laboratory is given over to the chemist, who is trying by test tube and retort to discover what happens in the engine when a fuel explodes.

There is the mysterious fuel knock, for instance. What it is no one knows. No one knows even how it happens. But it's there. Chemists are trying to reproduce it in the laboratory under conditions by which they will be able to learn all about it.

They have devised a chemical that will in a way eliminate the knock. But how remains a mystery.

They're trying to produce the action of this chemical with ordinary fuel, under conditions that enable them to see the action, to measure the gases going in and coming out, and to record temperatures, pressures and other factors of importance.

This search for a more efficient fuel is being made not only in the chemical laboratory, but in a shop where special engines, ranging from one to six and eight cylinders, are being run day and night for the testing of some peculiar idea or hunch of an engineer.

### Engine May be Redesigned.

In connection with this fuel research, the research engineers are trying to find ways of improving design of the engine to increase its efficiency.

At one research laboratory a special two-cylinder engine is being run with tubes reaching from the combustion chambers to burettes where the exhaust gases can be measured. The idea is to discover the type or grade of mixture that goes into each cylinder.

This engine at the same time permits the engineer to discover a way of redesigning the intake manifold so that equal mixtures of gas and air may be delivered in equal proportions to all cylinders. This is one of the biggest problems of the engineer today, for it is well known that present design permits one or two cylinders to get more gas than is

needed, while the others may get less, producing considerable waste and inefficiency.

Another one-cylinder engine is designed so that gases may be caught at the flash point, or just before the combustion, to study what happens to the mixture as it enters the cylinder.

Still another one-cylinder engine is arranged so that compression can be varied. Alongside this is a valve and double cup apparatus by which a standard fuel of which all characteristics are known and also an untested fuel are permitted to enter the engine.

By valving first one gas and then the other into the cylinder, the engineer seeks to determine the knock characteristics of the test fuel.

### Better Efficiency Is Needed.

One engineer is devoting his efforts entirely to redesigning the cylinder head so as to raise compression and power of the engine, without affecting the efficiency of the fuel in combustion.

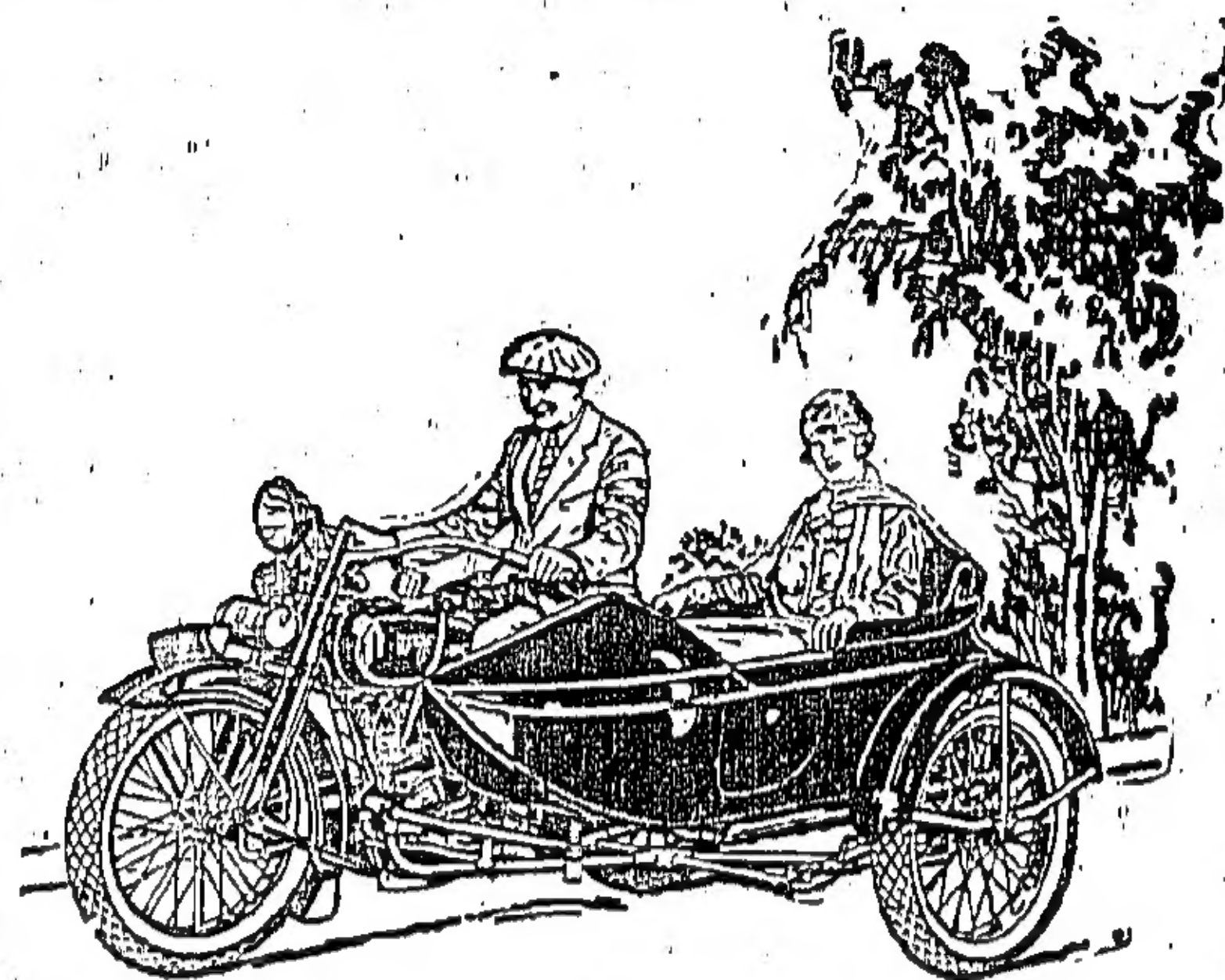
Another is trying to improve the carburetor, the seat of numerous familiar troubles.

Still others seek better methods of regulating the mixture of air and gas which is fed to the cylinders. Efficiency and economy both would be served thereby.

These are only a few of the objectives at which the engineers constantly are driving. The auto owner of today thinks he has a splendid piece of mechanism—and he has—but the engineering experts see many, many, potential fields of improvement.

## NO PETROL TAX.

No change is likely in the motor taxation laws this year, states the Press Association. Mr. Churchill has come to the conclusion that to adopt the system of the petrol tax would be of no advantage, and the present system of taxation according to horse-power will, therefore, remain.—Ex.



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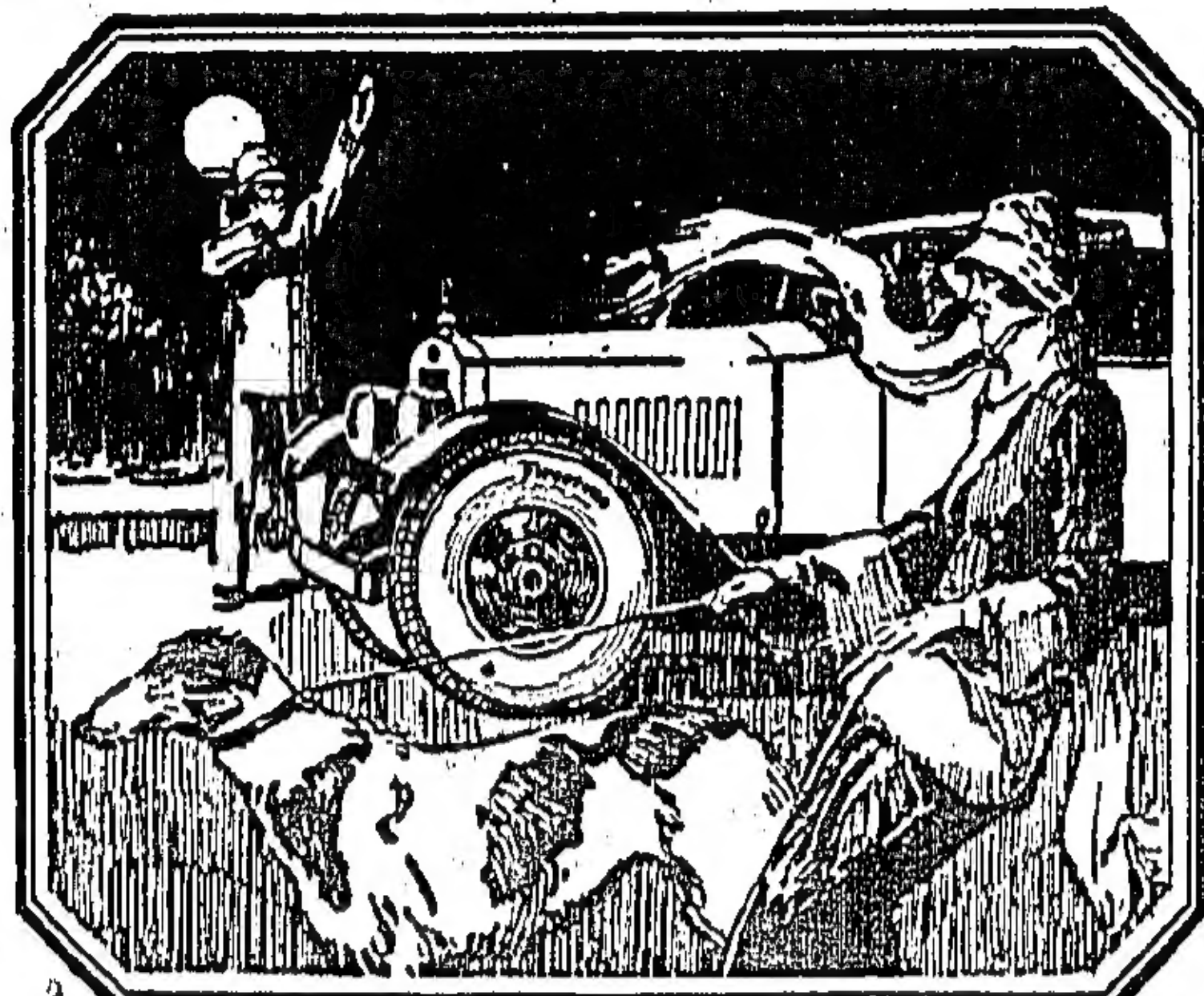
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### MOTOR EXPORTS GAIN.

Great gains in the use of commercial vehicles abroad will be the feature of the motor export trade in 1927, predicts Walton Schmidt, field representative of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce New York.

According to a report from Ganges, British Columbia, the wife of a Japanese fisherman, named Tasaka, has just given birth to a 23rd child, making 23 children in 25 years, 17 of whom are living. Tasaka had previously contracted four childless marriages.

### WHY MOTOR RACING IS NECESSARY.

Real Trial only by Super-Strain.

What was the real purpose of Major H. O. D. Segrave, in building the "Mystery Z"? What mechanical problems does he intend to solve with this, the highest-powered, fastest automobile ever conceived? These questions, of interest to every motorist, are answered in the following story, written by the man who drove the car on its trial runs at Daytona Beach, U.S.A.

By Major H. O. D. Segrave.

New York, March 20th.—Theories and newly designed equipment that may revolutionize motordom will be thoroughly tested by the two-engined, thousand-horse-power racing car that I have designed and brought to America.

New devices for the automobile can be given a real trial only by subjecting them to super-strain. One such test is that of a tyre which will stretch at high speed. This, it is believed, will eliminate to a great degree the road shocks that come with high speed.

The tyres on my racer, the "Mystery Z," are covered with one-sixty-fourth of an inch of rubber. At 200 miles an hour the centrifugal force will stretch each tyre an inch and a half. We have brought 50 of these tyres with us.

There also is a new method of attaching tyres to the wheels that will be tried out when I race against time on the Florida beach.

Wind Wastes Power.

Wind resistance is another factor we are trying to cut down. At 200 miles per hour practically five hundred horse power, one-half the output of my car, is required to overcome wind resistance. This is a big factor in the development of the car of the future and manufacturers are aware of the horse-power wasted by poor body design.

If the car goes much faster than 200 miles an hour, I do not believe it will stay on the ground and if a strong gust of wind strikes it from the side it will shake me up considerably.

You will note that there is no windshield. Should I have a windshield and should it break while I was travelling at this speed, the pressure on my face would be equivalent to the pull of a 112-pound weight attached to the tip of my nose.

Vacuum brakes, a new development, are on this car. At 200

miles per hour with these super-brakes it will take me 2 miles to stop. With ordinary four-wheel brakes I should have to take five miles to stop.

New Alloy on Trial.

We have now alloys in the engine to be tested. An alloy that will stand up under vibrations at such a speed will last on an ordinary car for nearly 20 years.

The spokes in the wheels embody a new design that we hope will prove much more satisfactory than present day wire wheels.

The steering mechanism is another arrangement that will prove interesting. One can steer the car at 100 miles per hour with almost a thought and no matter what contour the road might take the front wheels tend to hug the ridge or top.

The car, costing well into \$100,000, is practically useless for anything but experimenting.

Compressed Air Starter.

The two engines eat up one and one-quarter gallons of special fuel every mile. It will take three and one-quarter miles to get going wide open. To make the test, about 6 miles in a straight stretch are required.

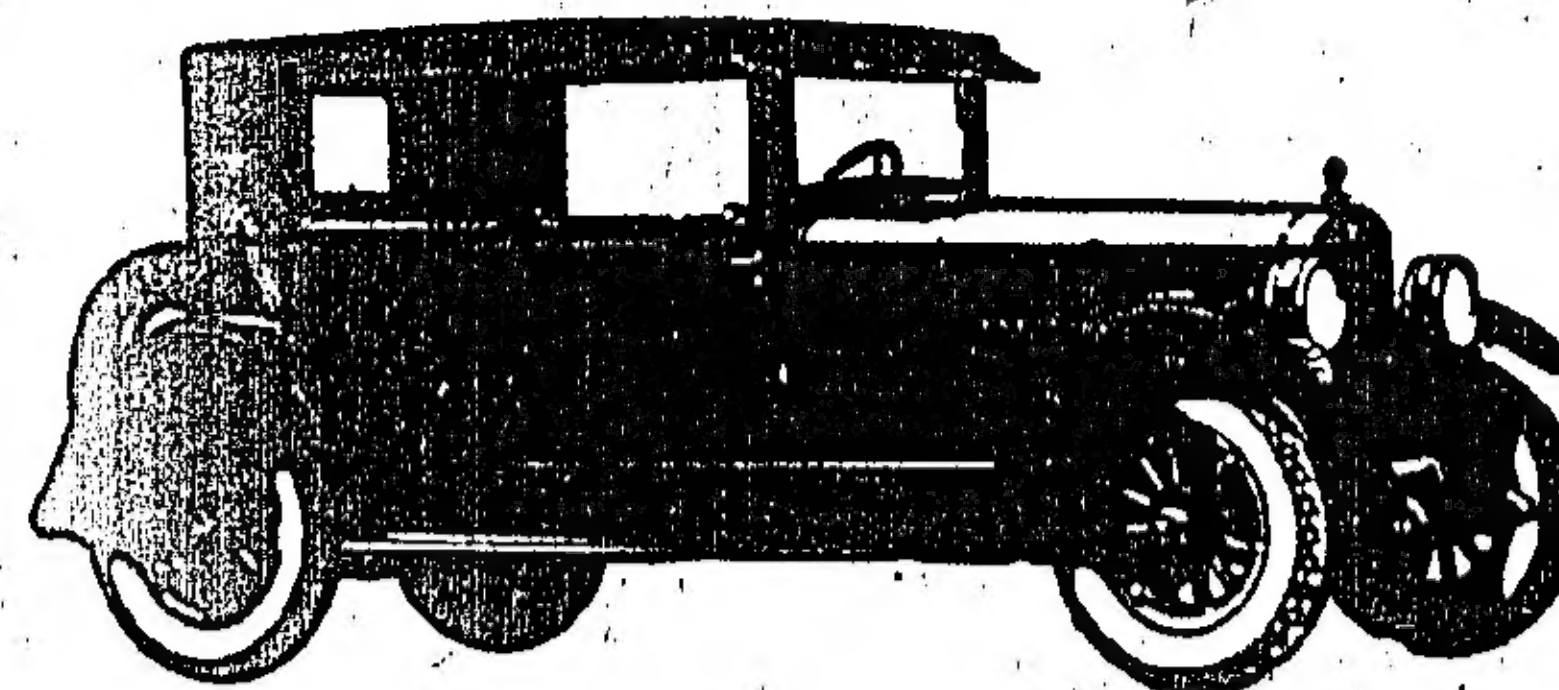
The car can run on 1 or 2 engines. The rear engine is first started up by means of compressed air fed from the cylinders, probably a forerunner of a compressed air starting mechanism for the car of the future. There are 4 magnetos on each engine and 2 spark plugs per cylinder. The front engine has one radiator while the rear engine over the rear axle requires two radiators.

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### SPEED LIMIT TO GO.

Proposals in Britain's  
New Bill.

#### COMPULSORY INSURANCE.

The Road Vehicles Bill, through which the Government proposes to bring up to date all existing Acts governing the use of the roads by mechanically propelled vehicles, has now been printed in final draft form, and will shortly be circulated for discussion among the public.

The Bill will provide for the total abolition of the speed limit of 20 miles an hour which now applies to all light motor vehicles. But it is proposed to retain a speed limit of 15 miles an hour for heavy vehicles, such as lorries, motor-coaches, and so forth.

At present these vehicles are supposed to conform to a limit of 12 miles an hour. Apart from the question of public safety, it is recognised that the most serious road damage is done by heavy solid-tyred vehicles travelling at too great a speed.

Instead of penalising drivers of light vehicles for the technical offence of exceeding 20 miles per hour, the Bill will propose that reckless or too fast driving should be checked by the police in the following way.

Rear Lights for Cyclists.

A charge might be preferred against a motor driver either for 1. Driving to the public danger, or 2. Driving at a speed excessive in the circumstances.

By introducing the second and new offence the Ministry of Transport seeks to meet the criticism that drivers will be at the mercy of a country policeman's opinion on what is a very serious charge.

#### COTTON USED IN TYRES.

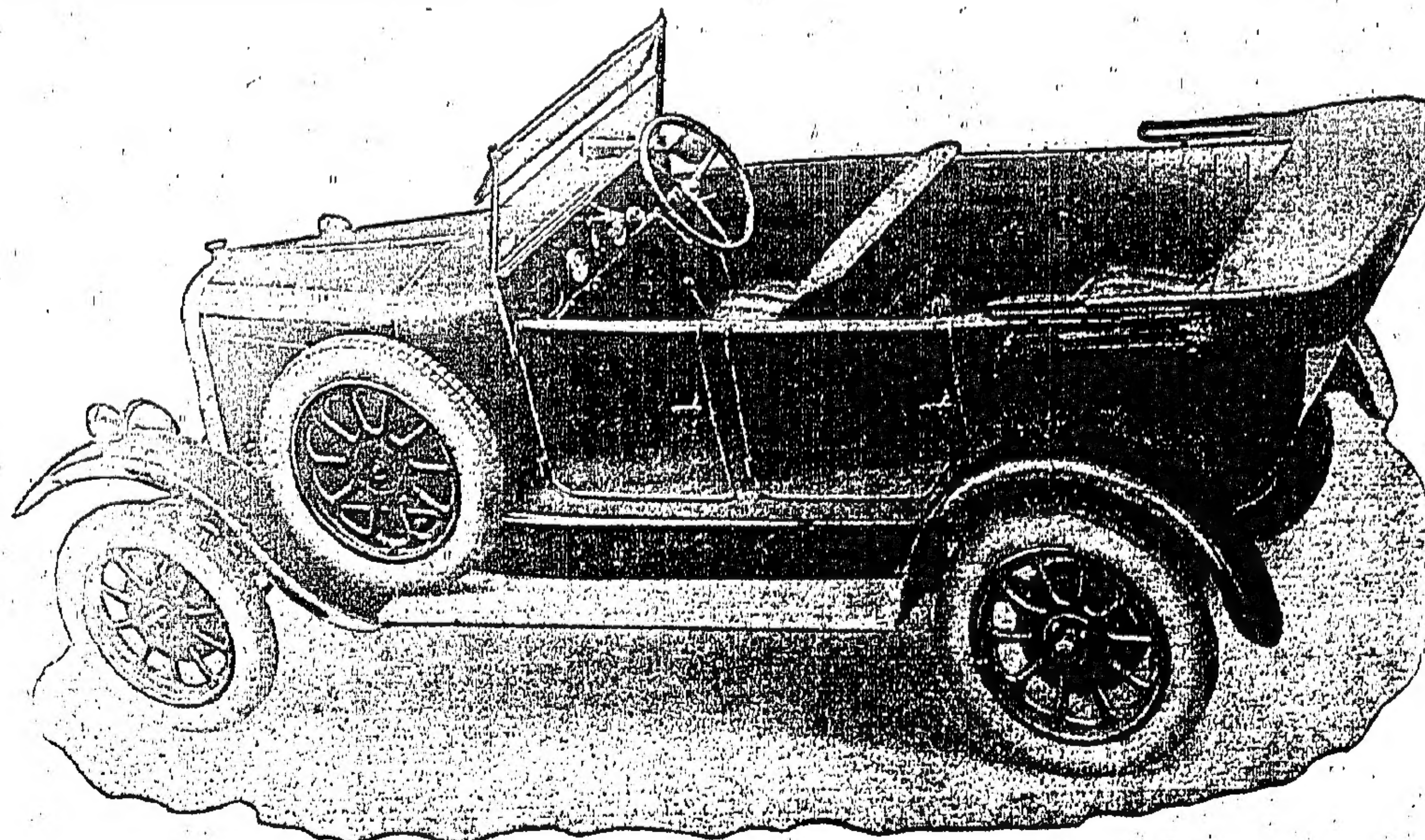
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### THE AIR PRESSURE METHOD.

Nevertheless, the pressure fuel-feed system, which was not uncommon before the introduction of the vacuum system, is still in use, embodying an engine driven air-pump, which maintains a constant air-pressure upon the gasoline line in the main tank, thus forcing it up to the carburetor as required.

### DIRECT PUMP FEED.

There has recently been brought out a distinctly different method of pressure gasoline-feed or more properly, a pump feed system, designed to raise fuel from the rear tank to the carburetor and to pump it direct into the carburetor, under suitably regulated pressure. There is no auxiliary tank and no storage of fuel under the hood, nor is gravity relied upon in any way.

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switch, energizing the electro-magnet windings, through a pair of make-and-break contacts, causes a vibratory movement of the pump bellows, which results in the to-and-fro movement corresponding to suction and delivery strokes of pump action. Pumping automatically stops, when the carburetor is full and the float-valve closes, and re-starts when the float-valve opens with falling fuel level.

### ALLEGED ADVANTAGES.

This method of fuel feed can be installed upon all battery-equipped cars. Among advantages claimed for it are: Uniform head of gasoline at carburetor at all times, attainment of normal fuel level before engine is cranked and elimination of fire risk due to presence of stored fuel under the hood.

### CLICKING AND RUMBLING NOISES.

Question.—When I engage the clutch of my car suddenly, and when the brakes are applied violently, I hear a sharp click, which seems to come from the rear end. Furthermore, when a corner is being turned sharply at moderate speed there is a rumbling sound like marbles rolling on a floor. What are the probable causes of these noises?

Answer: In all probability the clicking sound results from a slight rotational slip of one or both of the rear wheels on their axle-ends and this should be remediable by a secure tightening of the wheels on their tapered, by drawing up on the axle nuts. Occasionally, too, a click is produced by lost motion in the universal joints, due to wear from the differential-gears, which operate at high speed only when a sharp curve is being negotiated. If you have plenty of the right quality of lubricant in the rear-axle housing this noise presumably signifies nothing serious and quite likely it will become less noticeable, as the gears of this relatively new car, wear in.

### A ROARING NOISE.

Question.—At speeds above 24 m.p.h. my car makes a pronounced roaring noise and vibration, which seem to come from away up forward. Factory representatives of this make have vainly sought the cause of it. Can you suggest anything?

Answer: There is not much hope that we can locate this noise by "absent treatment" when others have been unsuccessful, on the ground, but we suggest that you try running the car with the fanbelt entirely removed, long enough to see whether there is any difference. A loose fan blade, a difference of inclination among the blades or some lack of balance, sometimes causes a roaring sound. Some internal part of the muffler, in a loose condition, is a common cause of roars. Are you sure that there is no part of the car, which is loose enough so that it is free to shake, in resonance with engine vibration? You better inspect all sheet metal or other relatively light parts and see that there is no possibility of anything of this kind.

## BUS PREACHES SAFETY.

A New York coach company operates a "safety" bus along its route. The bus is painted in brilliant green and white and is decorated with safety mottoes. On the front, near the top, are the illuminated words, "Bound for Safety."

## WILLYS-KNIGHT.

### Representative Visits Hongkong.

Mr. A. C. Aubry, Sales Representative of The John N. Willys Export Corporation of Toledo, Ohio, visited Hongkong from April 6th to 10th in the interest of Overland and Willys-Knight Motor Cars. Hongkong and South China distributors of these products are Gilman & Co., Ltd. of this city.

The Overland Whippet since its introduction in Hongkong several months ago by Gilman & Co. has won a definite position in the South China motor trade and it is anticipated that the coming season will find a greatly increased number of these popular light cars in use here.

Mr. Aubry pointed out, that while the Whippet has gained a wide popularity in the Orient generally, it is particularly adapted to Hongkong and South China conditions, due to its light weight, and fuel economy, with new standards of power and flexibility for light cars. While petrol consumption varies somewhat with physical and traffic conditions, the Overland Whippet is said to maintain a world average of 35 miles per Imperial gallon, according to statistics now available, without any sacrifice of direct gear pulling ability, an important factor in hilly districts. The Whippet is equipped with fully enclosed mechanical four-wheel brakes, adding a factor of safety not present in light cars of previous designs.

In addition to the Whippet, Willys-Overland Co. have recently released an entirely new model Willys-Knight, superseding the four-cylindered Willys-Knight which has long been popular in Hongkong. The new Model 70 Willys-Knight is of 6-cylinder, sleeve valve construction, with balanced crankshaft held in seven main bearings, as opposed to the five bearing crankshaft principle employed in older types of design.

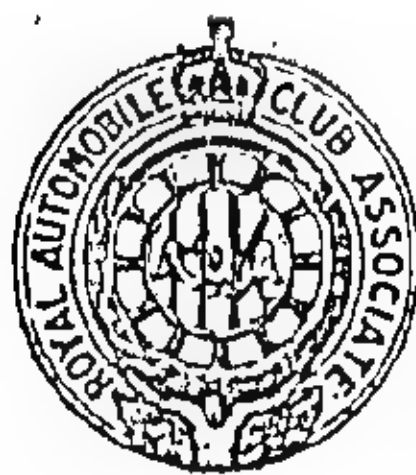
The new Willys-Knight, according to Mr. Aubry, possesses features of smoothness, power, speed and general stamina never before available in this price class, and it is to be expected that Hongkong motorists will be keenly interested in the new Willys-Knight models soon to be received by Gilman & Co.

Emphasising the importance of local service station facilities, Mr. Aubry stated that Gilman & Co. maintain a comprehensive stock of essential spare parts and are ideally equipped through garage facilities in Kowloon to render prompt and efficient service facilities to local owners. Stocks of Whippet 4 and 6 cylinder cars and of Willys-Knight six cylinder models are to arrive here at an early date.

## HIGH THEFT INSURANCE.

The new auto theft insurance rates which have gone into effect in Chicago are from 10 to 50 per cent. higher than those of the previous year. Insurance officials say that the new rates are due to motorists' carelessness in failing to take proper measures to prevent thefts.

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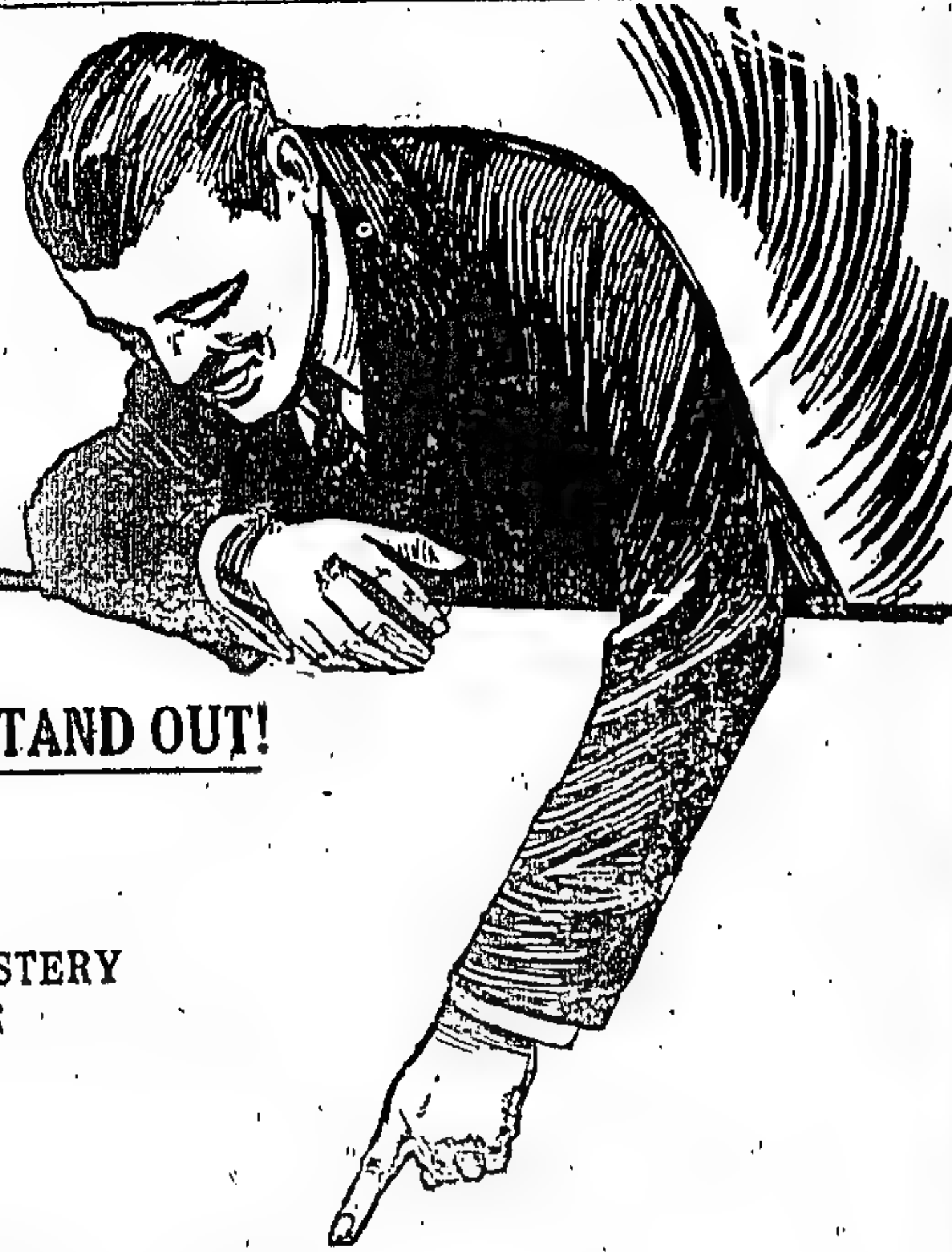


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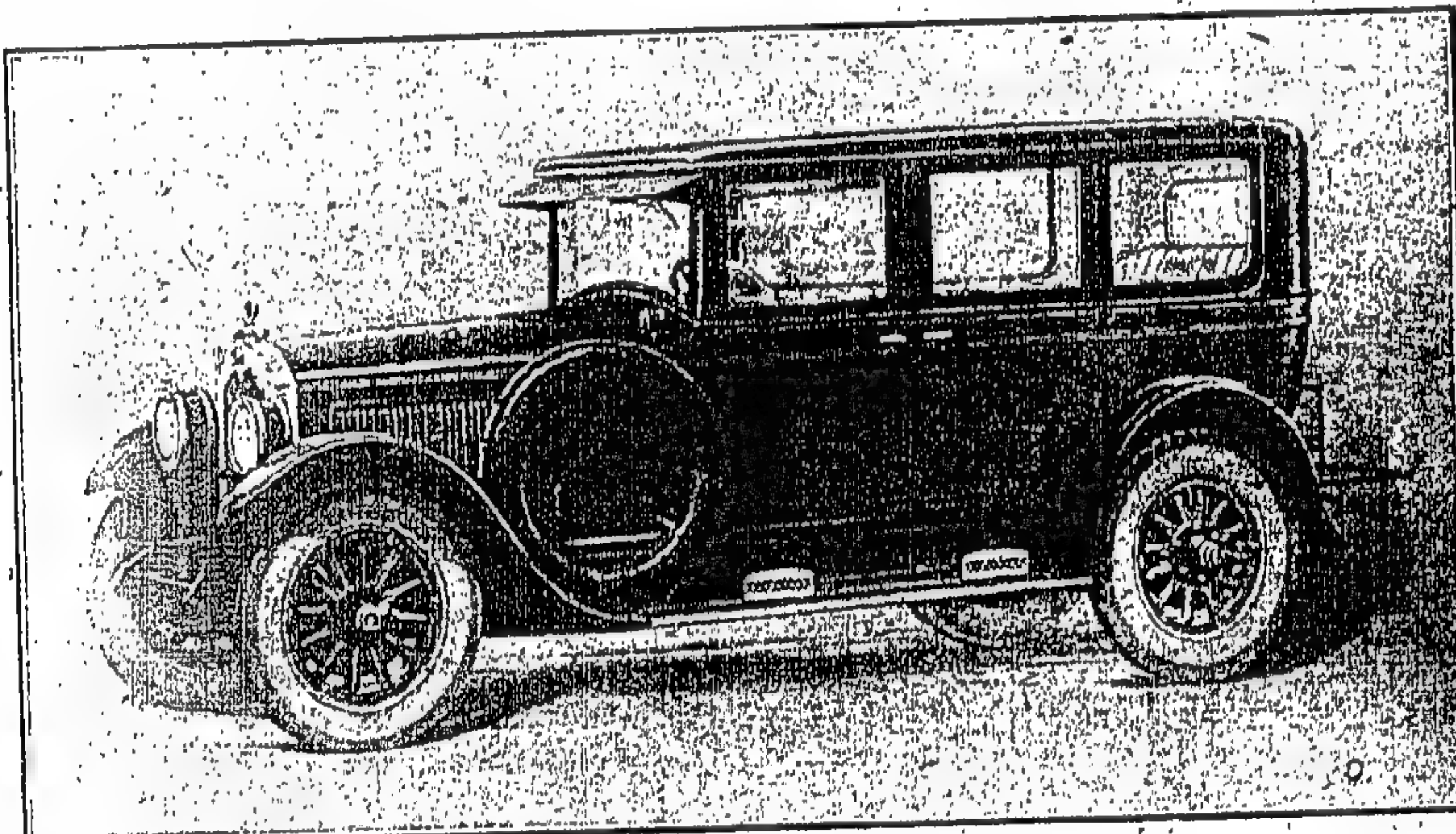
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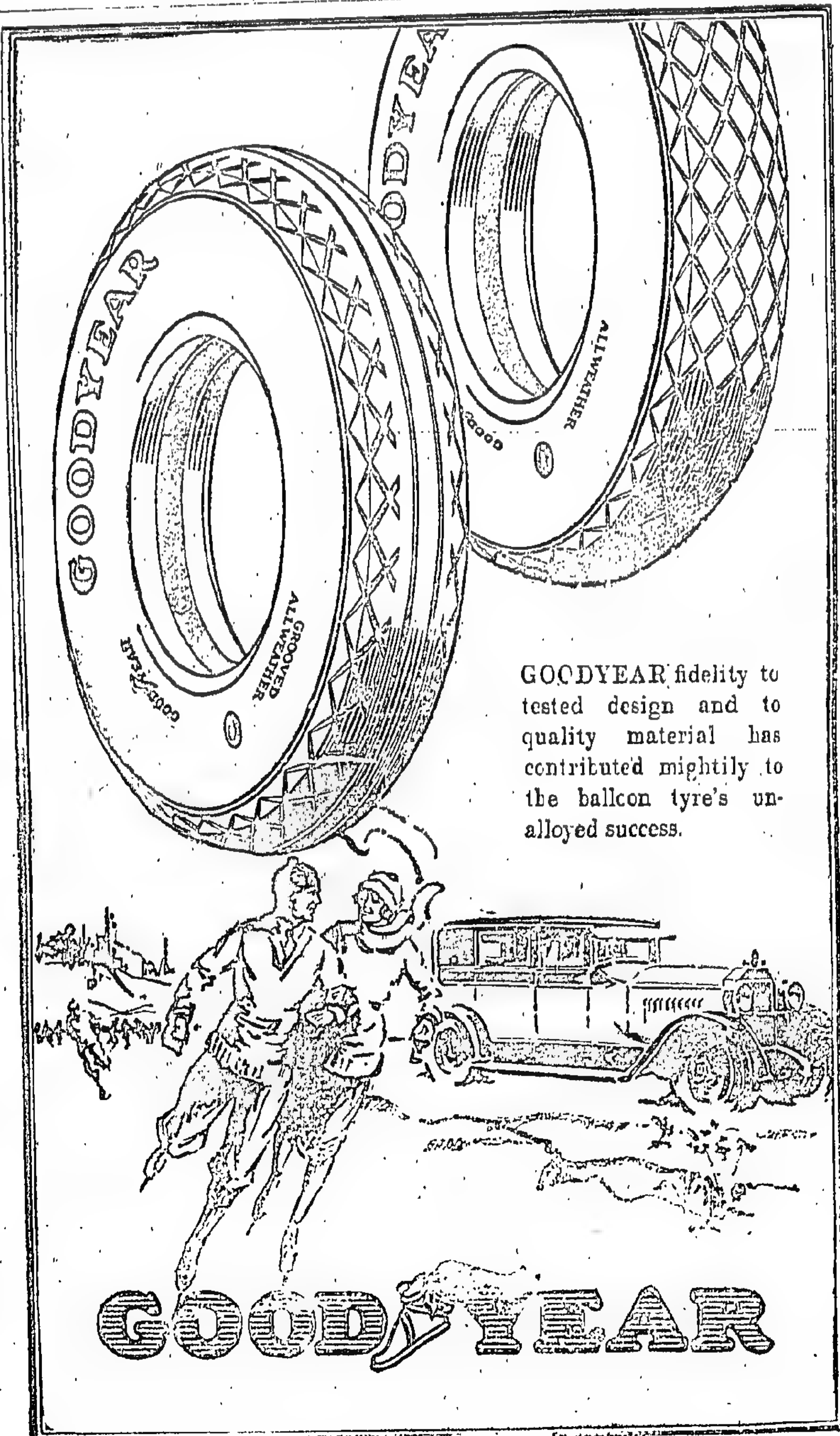
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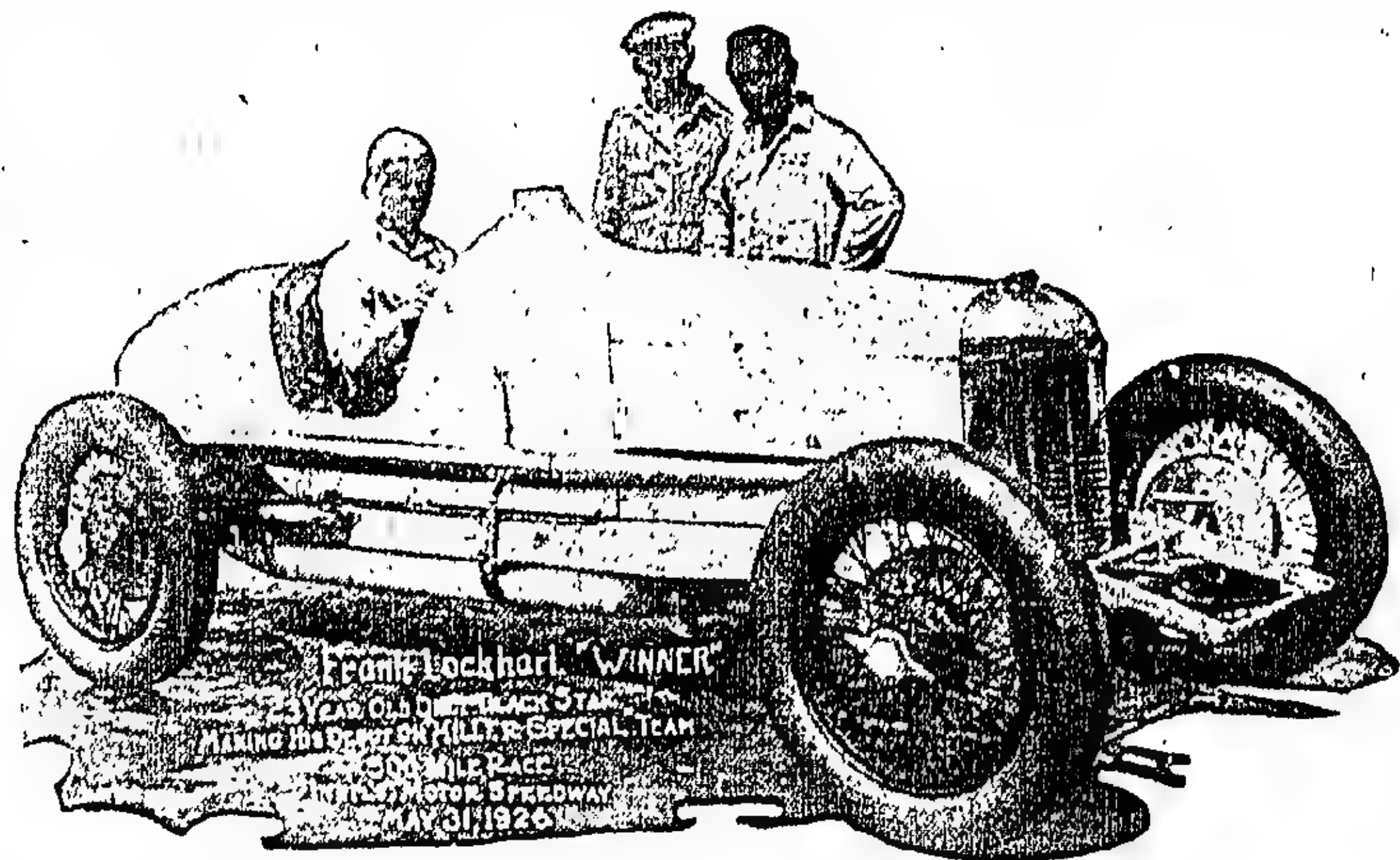
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## FACTS ABOUT MOTOR RACING IN THE U.S.A.



There are three types of automobile tracks in America. There are the mile and half-mile dirt tracks, the board speedways and the Indianapolis speedway. The latter is built of brick, is two and a half miles around and is unique in that it holds only one race each year—the 500-mile international sweepstakes. Races on board speedways vary from 10 miles to 300 miles. In order to attain high speed the board tracks are banked to as much as forty-nine degrees on the turns. The day before any big race qualifying trials are held for position. The one making the fastest time gets the pole position, others following in the order of their qualification speed. On board tracks one lap is used for qualification and at Indianapolis four laps. The qualifying record

at Indianapolis is held by Peter de Paolo—113.285 miles an hour made in 1925 trials. Bennett Hill holds the record for board tracks—146.7 miles an hour made at Atlantic City, 1926. Because of their construction, board tracks are immeasurably faster than the brick Indianapolis course. Peter de Paolo also holds the 500-mile course record at Indianapolis—101.13 miles an hour. Racing-car structure and racing practice are vastly different today from a few years ago. One-man cars came into vogue at Indianapolis in 1923. Several years ago racing cars were huge affairs, with huge motors. Engines in the majority of racing cars today are less than a fifth as large as the motor in the old Marmon which won the first Indianapolis 500-mile race. Racing cars are not equipped

with fans. The speed at which a racing car travels not only makes a fan useless, but an actual impediment. Racing motors are not burdened with self-starters either, as they are supposed to be started only once for a race.

Barring an accident or a pit stop, there is little need for brakes on American tracks. But in road racing, such as is done in Europe and other countries, they are absolutely necessary. Wire wheels used for racing are the same construction as those used on passenger cars. The matter of springs on racing cars is highly important. They can't be too long or too short. They can't have too much resiliency or too little. An important adjunct to the springs is shock absorbers.

It is really the tyres on a racing car which come in for the greater part of the shock of rough going. They are part of the unsprung weight of the car, that is, they have no springs to take up the shock for them, but must rely on their own strength and elasticity. Balloon tyres have been used in the Indianapolis races for two years. With an inflation about the same as that recommended for touring use, they have made riding easier and have helped increase the speed of the cars by aiding in holding them down to the track. They must bear the brunt of all shock transmitted to the car. They act as the springs for the unsprung weight. The winner of the Indianapolis race last year did not change a single tyre during the race, neither did the majority of participants. The tyres used are much like the tyres used on passenger cars. There is little doubt that the experience gained in tyre construction through racing has enabled the manufacturers supplying these tyres in the past to build a better tyre for everyday use.

Pits play an important part in the races of today. They are inclosures built along the inside of the track, there being one for each racer. The pit is the supply depot for all fuel and repairs during the race. In it are stored extra wheels and tyres; a supply of gasoline and oil; spare parts, spark plugs, tools, etc. From the pits information such as, stopping, position of cars ahead, etc., are given to drivers by means of flags, usually by code system. By a similar means the driver indicates to his pit the round before he intends to stop what he requires. Many seconds are saved in this way and sometimes a few seconds means the winning of a race.

On May 10, 1926 the American Automobile Association put into effect its ruling that the piston displacement on racing cars should be reduced from 122 cubic inches to 91.5 cubic inches, or approximately one-half the displacement of a Ford engine.

Listed below are all the important races held during the past year in the U.S.A., the name of the winner of each race, the make of car he drove and the speed attained.

**Miami.**  
February 22-250 mile race, winner Peter DePaolo. Duosenborg car, speed 129.29 MPH, world's record.

**Culver City.**  
March 21-250 mile race, winner Bonnie Hill. Miller Special car, speed 131.30 MPH, non stop, new world's record.

**Atlantic City.**  
May 1-300 mile race, winner Harry Hartz. Miller Special, speed 134.1 MPH, new world's record.

**Charlotte.**  
May 10-250 mile race, winner Earl Dovere. Miller Special, speed 120.8 MPH, non stop race.

**Indianapolis.**  
May 31-500 mile race, winner Frank Lockhart, Miller special. Race stopped 402½ miles because of rain; also stopped at 175 miles for 50 minutes because of rain. Average speed 95.885. MPH.

**Altoona.**  
June 12-250 miles, winner Dave Lewis. Miller Special, speed 112.43 MPH.

**Salem.**  
July 5-two races; one 50 mile race and one 200 mile race. Peter DePaolo won the 50 mile race, average speed 128.34 MPH. Cooper won the 200 mile race, speed 116.58 MPH. No records broken.

**Atlantic City.**  
July 17-four races. First 60 mile race won by Harry Hartz. Miller Special, speed 128.66 MPH. Second 60 mile race won by Norman Batten. Miller Special, speed 122 MPH. Third 60 mile race won by Fred Comer. Miller Special, speed 124 MPH. 120 mile race won by Harry Hartz. Miller Special speed 123.41 MPH.

**Charlotte.**  
August 23-four races. First 25 mile race won by Cooper. Miller Special, speed 128.9 MPH. This is a track record for 91½ cubic inch motors. Second 25 mile race won by Dave Lewis. Miller Special, speed 125.2 MPH. 50 Mile race won by Frank Lockhart. Miller Special, speed 122.55 MPH. Track record for 91½ cubic inch motors. 150 mile race won by Lockhart. Miller Special, speed 120.878 MPH. World's record for 91½ cubic inch motors.

**Detroit.**  
September 11-100 mile dirt track race, winner Frank Lockhart. Miller Special. Speed 73.6 MPH, record for 91½ inch cars in events of this distance.

**Altoona.**  
September 18-250 mile race. winner Frank Lockhart, average speed 116.56 MPH, car-Miller.

**Fresno.**  
October 2-two 25 mile races and one 50 mile race. DePaolo won first 25 mile race, average speed 98.35 MPH. Bennett Hill won second 25 mile race, average speed 106 MPH. Lockhart won 50 mile race, average speed 100.8 MPH. Hill second; DePaolo third; Lewis fourth.

Lewis changed right rear tyre at 46 miles account of puncture. This was the only tyre changed in competition.

**Salem.**  
October 12-three races, 25; 25; and 200 mile races. First 25 mile race won by Hill, average speed 130.057 MPH. Second 24 mile race won by Durey, average speed 130.393 MPH. 200 mile race won by Hartz, average speed 123.042 MPH, world record for 91½ inch cars.

**Charlotte.**  
November 11-Four races: two 25; one 50; and one 100 mile race.

First 25 won by Lockhart. Miller, average speed 132.5 MPH. Second 25 won by Lewis. Miller, Front Drive, average speed 127.11 MPH. 50 mile race won by Harry Hartz. Miller, average speed 129.35 MPH. 100 mile won by Durey. Miller, Front Drive, average speed 122.04.

The first 25 and the 50 mile events are new world's records. It is most remarkable that all the above races were won by cars equipped with Fire-stone Tyres.

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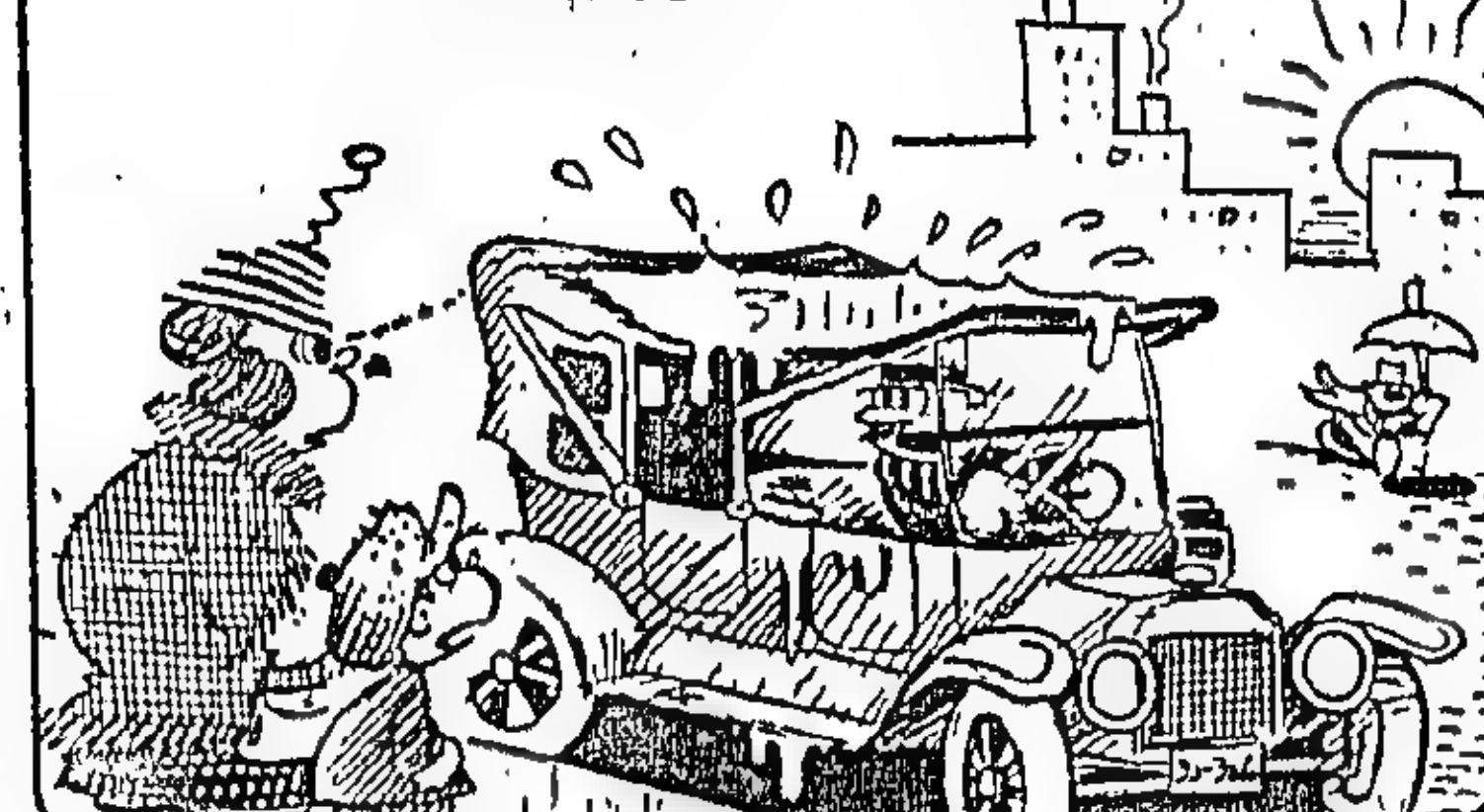
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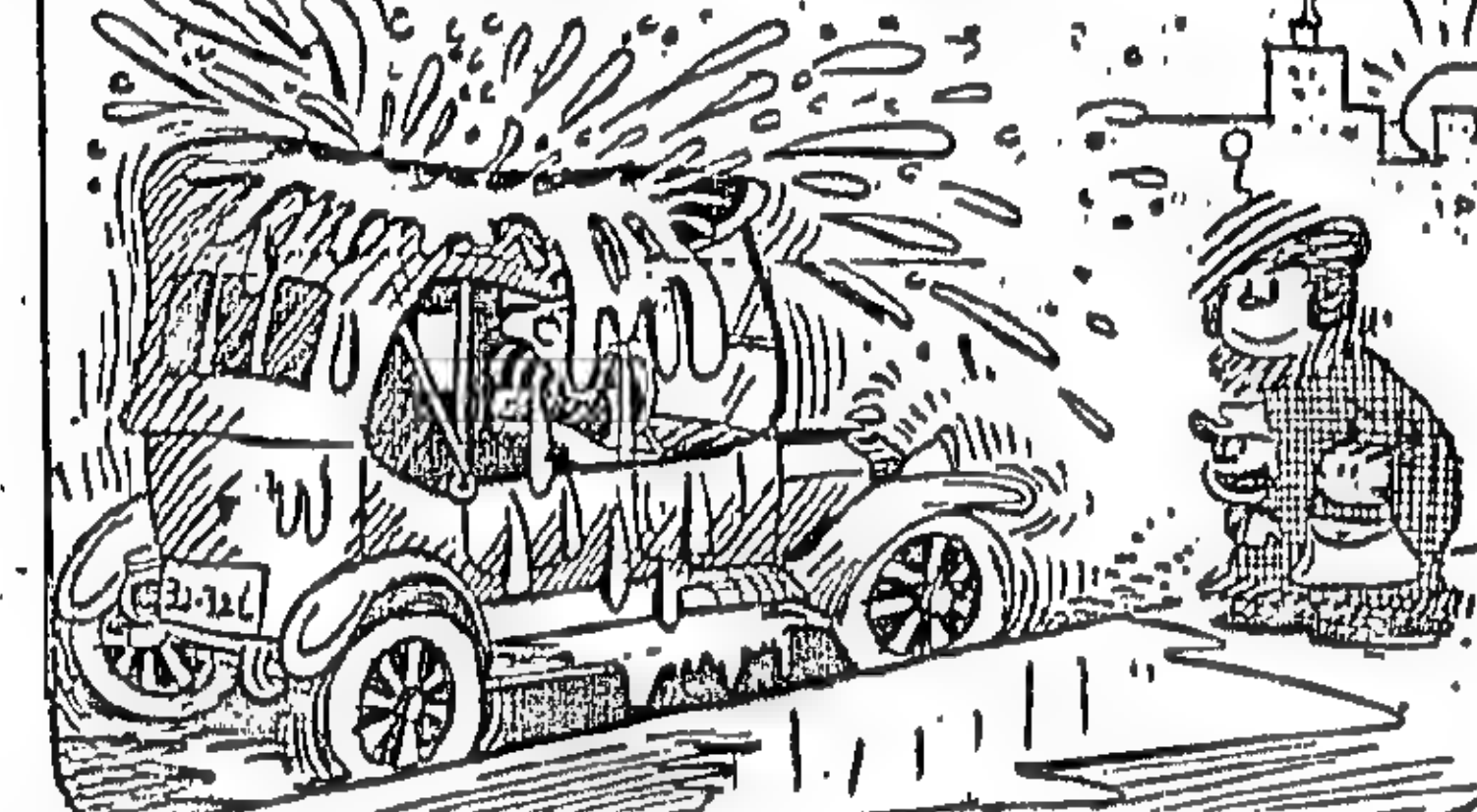
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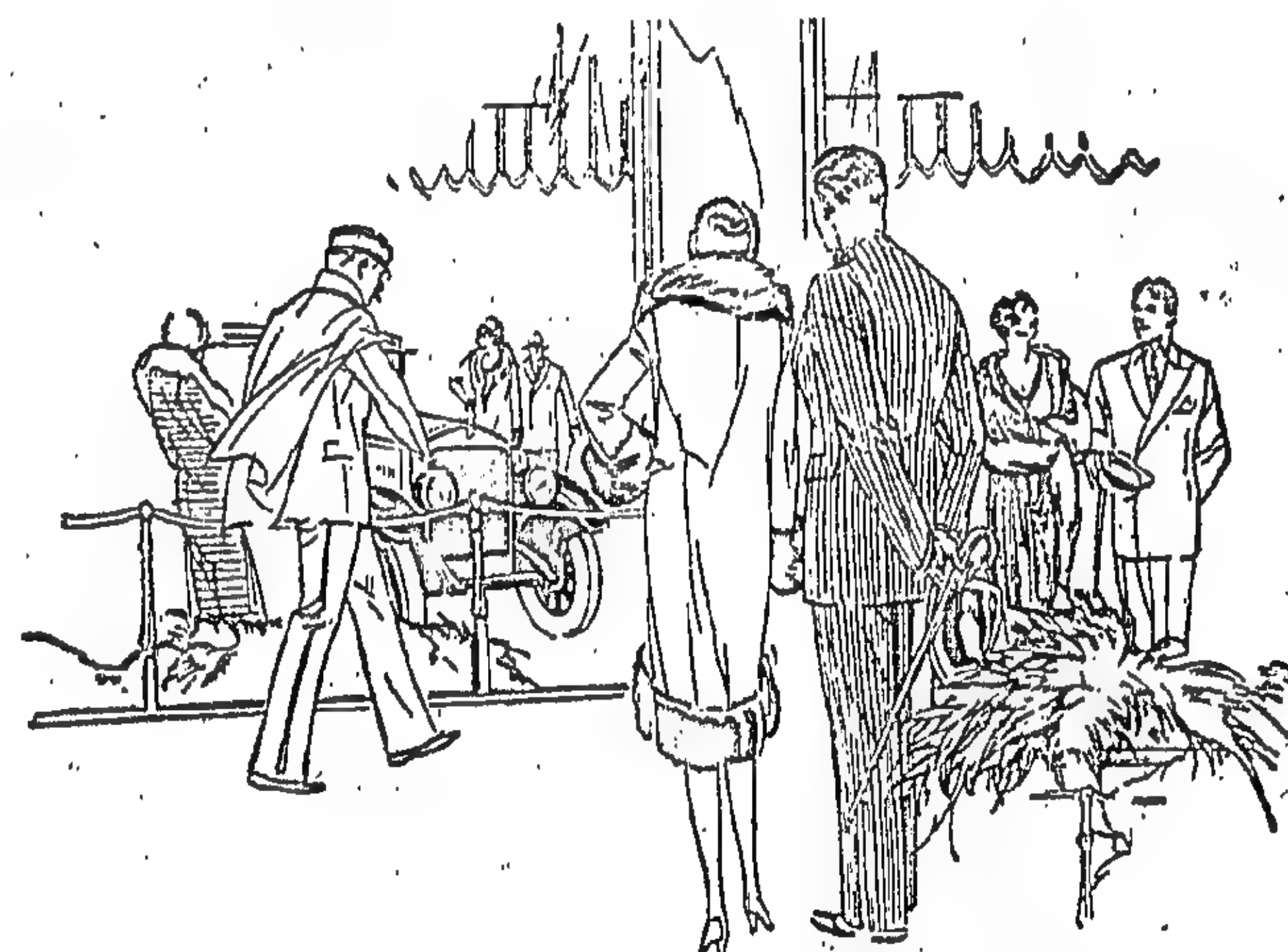
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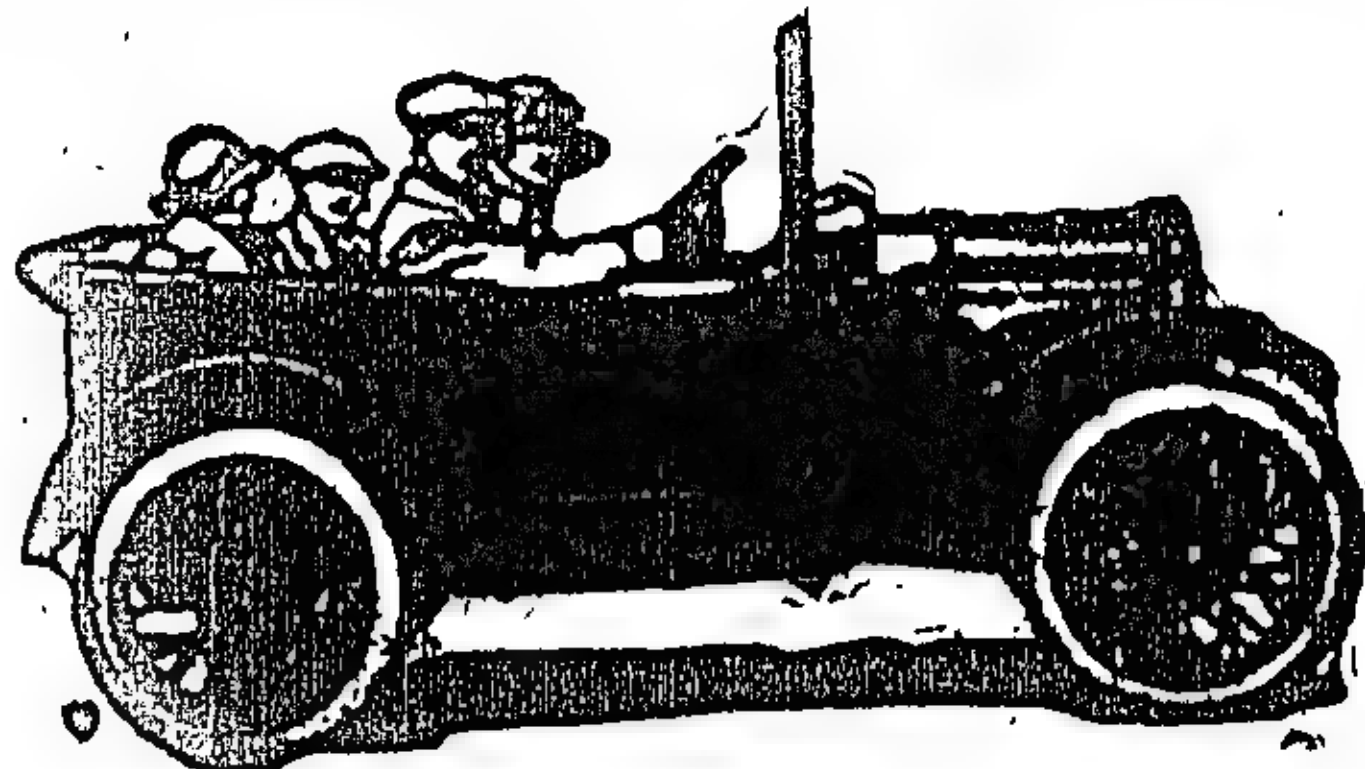
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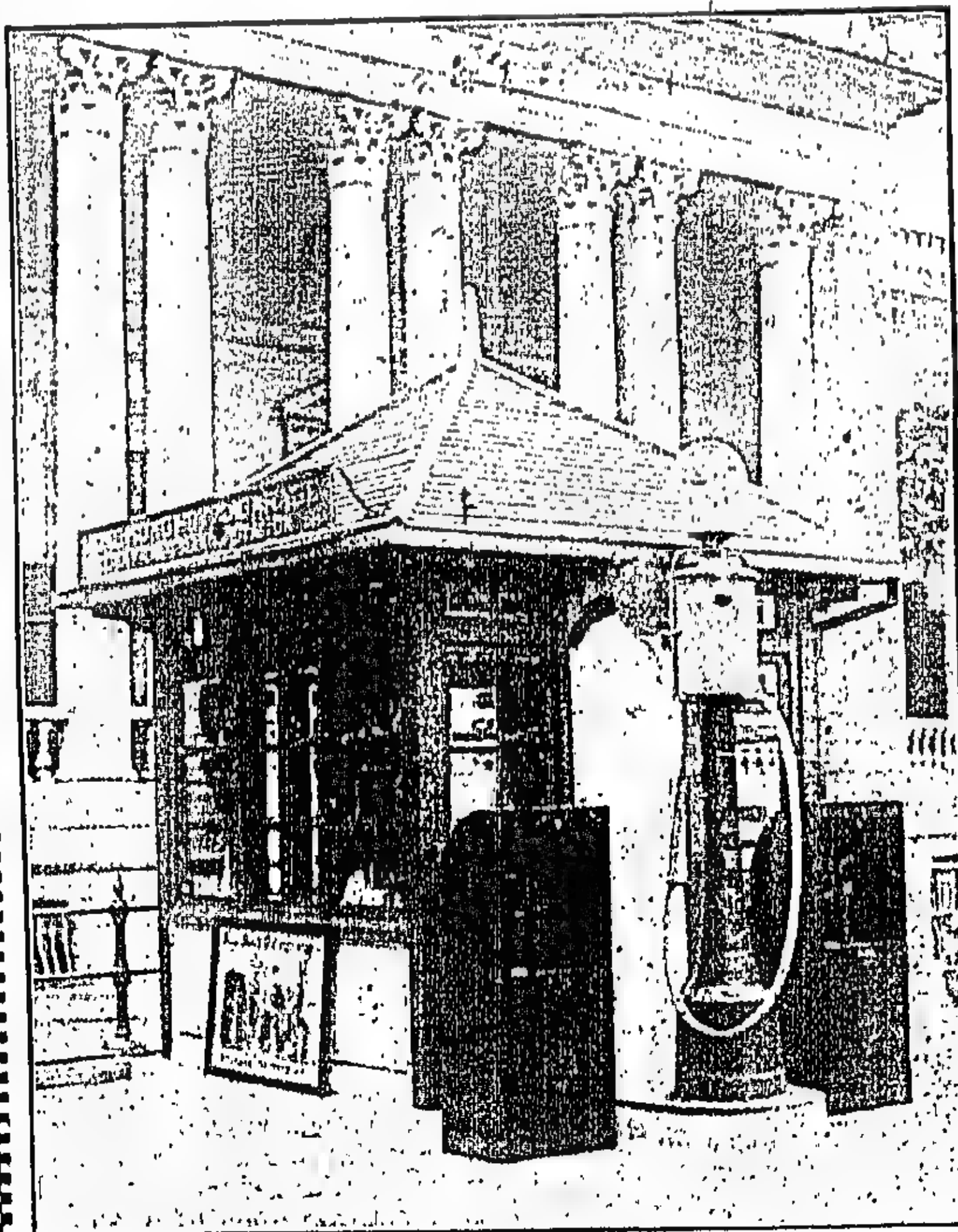
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### THE REMEDY.

(By H. Massac Buist in the Observer.)

Half-a-generation ago considerable attention was given at frequent intervals in these columns to the advantages of replacing horse traction by liquid fuel internal combustion-engined chassis for the motor fire services of the big cities of this country. To that end I even made a study in America of fire-fighting equipment, particularly in regard to manoeuvring in small space.

To-day nearly all our fire-engines are motor propelled and operated. But it seems to have escaped notice that the chassis of most types in general use are out of date in two particulars, one of which involves a very bad method of driving.

When next the reader hears the fire-bell ring, if he will make a point of watching how the motor-driven fire-engine, or fire-escape, takes the first right-angle corner in its course, he will see that the method is precisely akin to that of very bad drivers of small and large passenger cars and commercial motor vehicles, against which it is urgent that a campaign should be initiated. Prior to taking a corner the comparatively long wheelbase fire-fighting machine is put across well on to the wrong side of the road, then is swung round generally with a certain amount of intentional rear-skidding, that the driver may get the long chassis round the corner by the wheel describing the smallest arc possible. Therefore, as to the bulk of the vehicle, it is on the wrong side of the road at the critical traffic point when it takes a corner, whether debouching a side into a main road, or from the other way about.

### Problems of Manoeuvring.

The case of the driver of the fire-engine differs from that of the driver of an ordinary motor vehicle, in that the former is more or less compelled to use this dangerous method, whereas the latter does so merely from selfishness, carelessness, indifference, or ignorance. Unquestionably, the majority of our fire-fighting appliances are not provided with adequate wheel-locks such as it is quite possible and easy to design merely by applying the lessons already learnt from racing, and by producing wheel-locks proportionately as ample as are provided in our standardised large passenger cars, such as, the "New Phantom" Rolls-Royce, the Daimler "Double Six," the eight-cylinder in-line engined Sunbeam, and so forth, and which are not necessarily the utmost possible.

Fire-engines are relatively machines for the speeds at which they must be driven and manoeuvred about towns, and in face of the fact that most of the chassis in use have rear-wheel brakes only. Therefore, apart from the necessity to provide ample wheel-locks, in an age of smoother road-surfaces, increased accelerating powers, and denser traffic, there is need to transmit braking effort through all four wheels.

This becomes the more necessary in that fighting fires in London, and in some of our other big cities, is a very much more difficult problem now than it was before the war, by reason of the increased height of new buildings. Therefore greater power is needed for pumping water to the top of them. More powerful machines require more ample chassis accommodation, including longer wheel-bases and wider tracks. Yet many of the thorough-fares to be negotiated by these vehicles remain as narrow as formerly.

### Four-Wheel Steering.

In this connexion I do not see much use made in England of the principle which was demonstrated to me in New York in 1913, where buildings are much higher than any rising in London, and where many important streets are still extremely narrow one-track ways. The most powerful fire-engines the Americans have do effect all four wheels manoeuvring, with the result that such huge machines can be taken round right-angle turns in extraordinarily narrow thorough-fares. That facility is easily available to designers of similar vehicles in this country, where we have the advantage of being

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Dodge Brothers gain in export shipments is especially noteworthy when compared with the accomplishment of the industry as a whole last year. Preliminary estimates of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce for 1926 show that 550,000 motor vehicles were exported from the United States. This is a gain of 5 per cent. over 1925. Dodge Brothers final figures for 1926 show exports of Dodge Brothers passenger cars and Graham Brothers trucks totaling 39,016, which is a gain of 14.9 per cent. over the preceding twelve month period.

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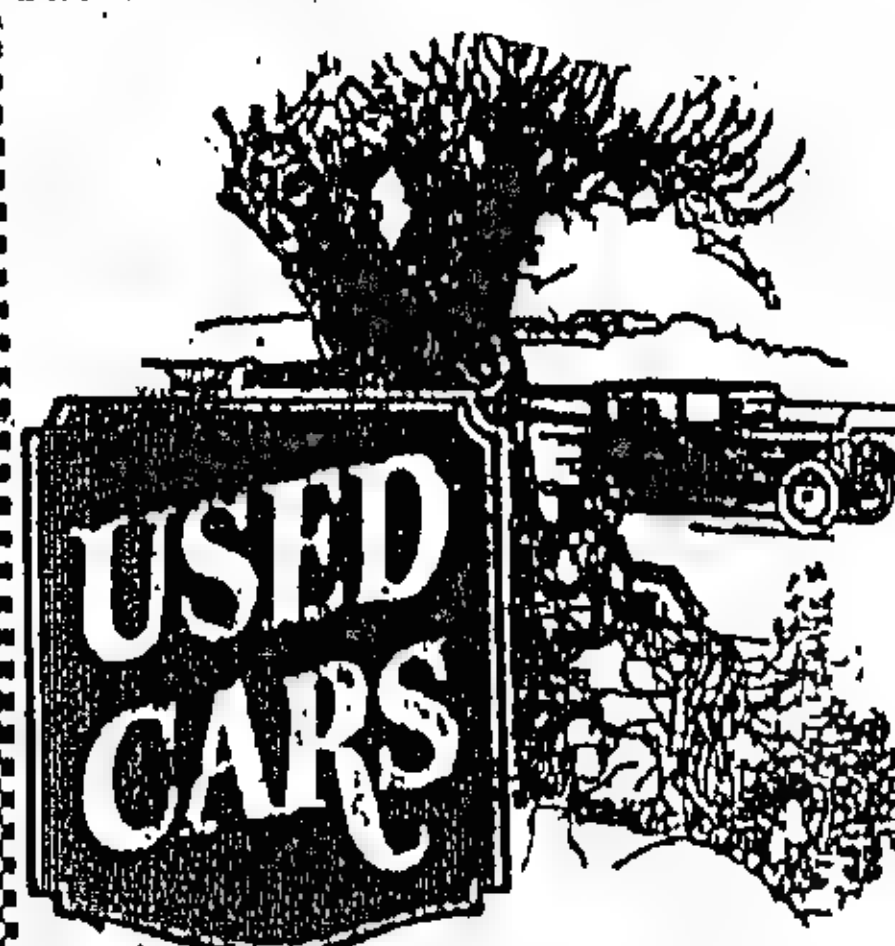
No further orders should be placed by our large cities for motor fire-engines and escapes unless they have properly compensated, mechanically assisted enclosed internal expanding brakes of large diameter to the front wheels and have much ampler wheel-locks. Then there need be no difficulty in getting any fire-fighting machine we need round corners without swinging out and making the dangerous turns in question. Little, if any, extra cost is involved; merely the application of well-known principles.

### A Hint to Bad Drivers.

In the meantime, let no drivers of private cars great or small, or of utility vehicles, make believe that they have any excuse for following the methods often rendered necessary when handling such unwieldy machines as the majority of our fire-fighting appliances.

Ordinary motor vehicles have adequate wheel-locks, and there is no question of compulsory hurry when corners fall to be negotiated. On the contrary, the sole concern should be to drive them in such a fashion that each machine is wholly on the right side of the road both when taking and immediately after having negotiated a corner.

Where a white line is set in the centre of the road at a corner approach, it should never be passed over. There is no occasion if the vehicle is handled properly. One should not take a curve or a corner, relying on the camber of the road to prevent side-slip outward. According to the weight of the vehicle, its centre of gravity, and the condition at the moment of the road surface, the speed should always be so regulated that there is never any possibility of skidding. If there is, then the machine is being badly driven at that moment. This remark also applies to taking a corner with the camber against you on your correct side of the road; stick to the lawful course and do not fear the slope. It is merely a matter of judging the speed accurately.



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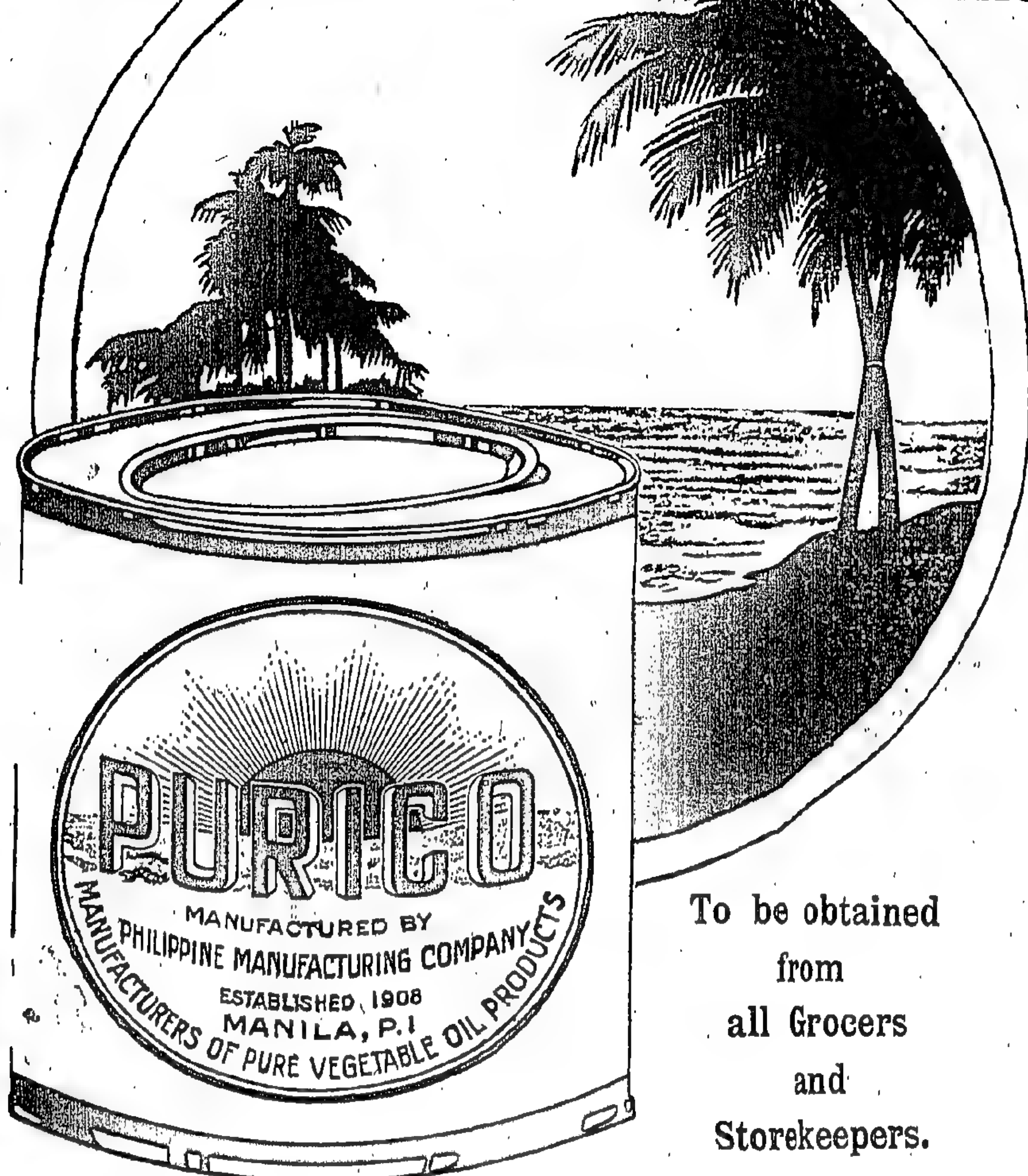
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#### PRINCE'S TUMBLE.

UNSEATED AT FIRST JUMP  
IN STEEPLECHASE.

The Prince of Wales fell at the first jump at Holdenby, near Northampton, last month, in the race for his own Cup in the Army Point-to-Point Steeplechase, but was unhurt.

The Prince, on Ark Courtier, was leading with another rider. His horse was tripped by a hedge branch and he was thrown 15 yards clear of the "field."

The Prince seemed to slide along the ground for a short distance from the force of his fall. He then lay perfectly still with his arms over his head while the rest of the field galloped past. As soon as the danger of being jumped on by another horse was over, H.R.H. sprang up and tried to catch his horse, but for some little time was unsuccessful. He was seen to be smiling broadly and evidently took his mishap in high good humour. Ark Courtier started at 5 to 1.

The race was won by Mr. C. B. Harvey, 10th Royal Hussars, with Tiger. Captain E. Smith's Summer Bell, second, and Captain C. J. L. Speed's I like That, the favourite, third.

The incident recalls the general alarm expressed some time ago by the series of racing mishaps suffered by the Prince.

The Prince told the people who ran to help him that he was all right, and that he had suffered no injury. He is expected to ride his horse, Lady Doone, in the Belvoir Hunt Lightweight Point-to-Point Steeplechase at Barrowby, near Grantham, on Thursday.

#### Previous Mishaps.

The Prince has met with a number of accidents while riding, hunting, or competing in point-to-point races.

One of his most serious accidents occurred in March 1924, when he was within a fraction of being kicked to death. His horse, Little Favourite, lashed out wildly while the Prince was trying to extricate himself after having fallen, and the Prince was kicked on the face.

The accident happened at the Army point-to-point races at Arborfield Cross, near Reading. His Royal Highness's injuries consisted of slight concussion and abrasions on the nose and about the face generally.

A month before this he sustained a broken collarbone while galloping one of his hunters at Leighton Buzzard. In January 1926 he fractured his collarbone while out with the Fernie hounds at Leicester.

November 1920—A fall over a gate near Norfolk. He remounted and rode on, none the worse.

December 1920—While riding with the Herefordshire Hunt his horse slipped on the frosty road and fell on its knees. Skilful horsemanship enabled him to fall sideways, and he was in the saddle again before anyone could go to his assistance.

March 1921—Took a toss at the second fence in the Grenadier Guards Point-to-Point Steeplechase near Banbury. The Prince was slightly injured on the nose and lip, but finished third in the race.

June 1921—Thrown while playing polo at Aldershot. Although slightly lamed, the Prince carried on, and scored goals for his side which won the match.

#### When Out East.

May 1922—At Manila, injured at polo. Had to be restrained from finishing game.

November 1922—Thrown while out with the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt near Malmesbury, Wilts. Rode home, although suffering from a sprained ankle, which necessitated use of crutches for some time.

December 1922—Thrown through his horse falling at a double jump in a race at Oxford University Bullingdon Club Point-to-Point Steeplechase at Garsington. The Prince was uninjured.

March 1923—Fall at Beaufort Hunt Point-to-Point races at Tetbury.

March 1923—Thrown into ditch while riding Prince Henry's horse at the Army Point-to-Point Races near Reading. Rescued his horse from drowning.

February 1924—Thrown while exercising a hunter at Leighton Buzzard. The Prince's collarbone was broken.

March 1924—Fall at Army Point-to-Point meeting at Arborfield Cross, and suffered slight concussion. He was taken away in ambulance, his face bleeding profusely.

October 1924—Fall while fox-hunting in Canada.

November 1925—Two falls on successive days with Whaddon Chase. Once landed in muddy ditch.

January 1926—Thrown while hunting with Fernie Hounds at Leicester. Collar-bone fractured.

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A CLAIM AND A COUNTER-CLAIM.

In the King's Bench Division, London, Captain Francis Thomas Courtney, Stafford Road, Wallington, the well-known air pilot, was defendant in an action in which the plaintiffs, Armstrong-Siddeley Motors (Ltd.), Coventry, claimed from him £247 for a motor car and other goods.

Defendant admitted the purchase of the car and that the amount claimed was due, but submitted that plaintiffs were indebted to him for a larger sum, for which he counter-claimed.

Lord Halsbury, K.C., representing Captain Courtney, stated that the answer to plaintiffs' claim was that, though it was correct that £247 was due to the firm, there were other things that had to be taken into consideration.

Captain Courtney said plaintiffs had sold a motor car belonging to him for £290. They had, he submitted, not credited him with that amount, and Captain Courtney claimed they could set that sum against the plaintiffs' claim. Captain Courtney also said that he was in the plaintiffs' employ, and that they dismissed him summarily, for which he was entitled to damages for wrongful dismissal.

Capt. Courtney also said he had been engaged by plaintiffs to do specific work for which he was entitled to extra pay, and that as the result of his (Captain Courtney's) introduction to purchasers goods were sold them for which Capt. Courtney was entitled to commission.

#### Won Race for King's Cup.

Capt. Courtney, said counsel, was a pilot with a world-wide reputation.

The plaintiffs had been desirous of putting a new aeroplane, called the Sinaia, on the market and they engaged Capt. Courtney to carry out test flying in the machine, for which he was to be paid £350.

Counsel went to say that in 1923 Capt. Courtney flew the plaintiffs' aeroplane in the race for the King's Cup. He was to be paid the usual fee of £30, and if he won the race he was to get £50 and one of the plaintiffs' 14 h.p. cars.

Capt. Courtney did win the race. The Glasgow Corporation offered £40 to the winner, and at a dinner celebration Mr. Siddeley announced that Capt. Courtney was to have this £40, but when it came to paying him, the plaintiffs took credit for the £40 from the Glasgow Corporation and only paid him £10.

They did give him the car, however, but the 14 h.p. car was later sold for £290, and Capt. Courtney secured the car that was now in dispute.

Indicating what Captain Courtney had done to maintain the reputation of the plaintiffs' firm, Lord Halsbury referred to the death of a Rumanian officer in February 1925, when flying a Siskin machine. This was not what was properly known as a crash, but the machine actually came to pieces in the air.

I am not suggesting for a moment, added Lord Halsbury, that this was the fault of the machine or the fault of the unfortunate fellow who was killed, but what I want to show is that Captain Courtney afterwards risked his own life to correct the effects this accident had on the reputation of the plaintiffs' firm.

Lord Halsbury said that notwithstanding a letter he had in his pocket from the chief engineer saying that it was dangerous for him to do so, Capt. Courtney went down to Lympne and flew a Siskin machine on its back.

Captain Courtney was known for acrobatic flying, said counsel, and he went and flew this machine on its back, which imposed a greater strain upon it, to show its worth.

The body of the man found on January 12 in an excavation in the Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, which was believed to be that of an Englishman named Parker, has now been identified as that of an American named Mockley. It is suspected that Mockley was robbed and murdered.



# MIXED GRILL

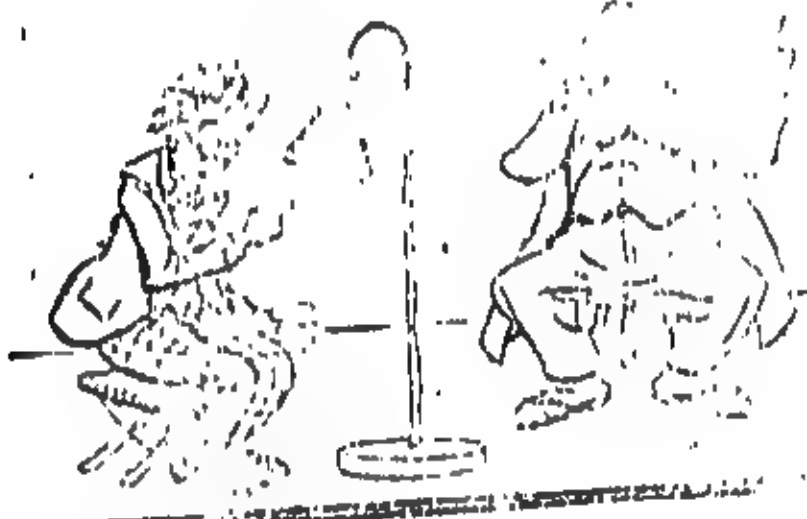
A Merry Miscellany  
Ashley Sterne

I am sometimes inclined to think that the folks who create the Paris fashions must derive their ideas from going to bed too soon after a heavy lobster supper. In no other way can I account for the bizarre of some of their notions. The latest is ladies' stockings on which are painted a portrait of their husband or fiancé. I cannot think, however, that there will ever be so much of a vogue for hosiery of this nature, as the features of so few husbands or fiancés are really suitable for decorative purposes; and no woman would wish to go about advertising the fact that her man's face was about as beautiful as the back of a cab. Moreover, there would be no little difficulty, in the case of the wife (or fiancée) of some fat-cheeked City alderman or plump-jowled stockbroker, to get all of the face on one stocking; and though this problem could be solved by painting half the face on one stocking and the remaining half on the other, a word or two of explanation would in justice to the man, have to be embroidered underneath. "For continuation, see left knee-cap" would make the matter clear, but would hardly contribute to the picturesqueness of the landscape.

One thing I know for certain. The fashion would never be adopted by American film-n actresses. Even their long purses would never stand the strain of new stockings and new portraits every few weeks.

Quite a number of readers have written to me during the past few days, apropos of my last week's remarks on the famous Jugo-Czecho-Slovakian composer, Pjlk Smkif, all declaring that they have never heard of him before, and asking me to give some particulars of his career. I comply with their request with pleasure.

Pjlk Smkif (pronounced exactly as spelled) was born simultaneously in both Jugo-Slavakia and Czech-Slavakia, in order to protect his copyrights in both countries, in the year 1890. He is now 37 years of age, and in 1924 will therefore be 55, if still alive. His father, Gphmk Smkif, was a fishmonger, and taught young Pjlk his first scales, the "doh" for which was provided by his mother, who worked in a bakery. He early displayed a remarkable aptitude for writing music, and was sent to be trained in Paris, where he studied composition at the Conservatoire and decomposition at the Morgue. He also



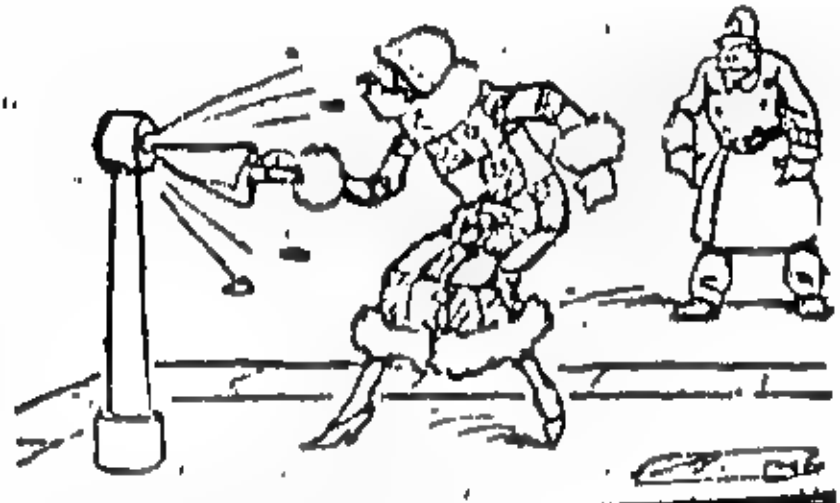
learnt to play the triangle under the expert tuition of Professor Isoceles; the Jew's harp under that of Professor Waters, of Babylon; and the portable harmonium under that of the late Uncle Bones, of Maryland. His first composition was a symphonic poem entitled "Angels on horse-back," but as it turned out to be practically identical with Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries," it has never yet been performed in public.

Another splendid instalment of this gripping life-story will appear next week.

Questions Which All The Social World Is Asking.

Who the young nobleman was who got thrown out of the Fritz grill-room last Tuesday evening

for dropping a sardine in the Duchess of Bootle's beer-mug? Why the Hon. Mrs. Moldeigh Marthagh's hair turned henna in a single night? What occasioned Capt. Elbeaux-Liffert at the National Sporting Club, yesterday, to challenge Phil Scott to contest 150 rounds, spot barred, over six flights of hurdles, under Rugby rules, with Capablanca (conceding queen's bishop and a bisque) for the world's ping-pong championship? Whether the rufescence of Lady Ginnand-Effrench's nose is really due to frost-bite? and—Whether the ladder which suddenly appeared in her stocking last Monday night was the true reason, as she alleged, for her



ringing the fire-alarm at the corner of Park Lane?

"However much our scientific knowledge may advance," says an eminent physicist, writing in a science journal, "I feel confident that there will always remain one problem—the origin of life—which will never be solved." But wait a moment please, Eminent Physicist:—

The problems of nature are solved one by one. It's patient, laborious toil. We know how the currant gets into the bun. And the sardine gets into the oil. We know why the sea and the sky are both blue. And why grass and greenhouses are not. And we know that the heat of the sun is all due to its being so frightfully hot. And thanks to the efforts of wise scientists we know why the neap-tides are low. And we're also aware that the atom consists of electrons which whizz to and fro. And we'll find out one day whether Mars's red glow is due to red air up aloft; but I very much fear that we never will know. Whether mermaids have hard soles or soft?

Londoners all, I feel sure, will be delighted to learn that the statue of Erus is shortly to be re-installed in Piccadilly Circus. For many months the poor little fellow has been languishing in the Embankment Gardens, with nothing more important to discharge his arrows at than the L.C.C. trams and the electrical advertisements for tooth-paste and whisky—targets unworthy of his unfailing marksmanship. Piccadilly Circus has never been the same without him, and I, for one, shall rejoice to see him once again perched on his familiar plinth. He was for many years the landmark by which so many Freemasons, returning from their hectic labours at the Cafe Royal, steered their way home; and I shall never forget how, on the night he was removed, I saw the Grand Architect of the Knight-Tippler of Jerusalem kneeling on the pavement at the corner of Shaftesbury Avenue, anxiously calling upon the night-winds, to inform him whether the locality in which he was at the moment situated was Wandsworth Common or August Bank Holiday.

## RIVER STEAMERS.

FATSHAN BROUGHT DOWN BY NAVAL RATINGS.

### POLICE ACTION.

On the arrival of the Fatshan last evening at 7 p.m., it was learnt that the vessel had been brought down by Naval ratings from H. M. Ships at Canton, assisted by members of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

All crews of the river vessels at Canton yesterday attempted to walk out in the morning, and while those of the Fatshan were successful in getting clear of the wharf, prompt Police action prevented the crews of other ships from following suit.

The crews of the Kwong boats and others were threatened with shooting by the Police should they attempt to desert and in consequence, all vessels sailed for Hong-kong, although rather late.

This morning's news is that the crew of the Fatshan have been rounded up and are being brought down to join their ship by a.s. Taishan arriving here this afternoon. The Fatshan will resume her place in the schedule as the night boat sailing at 2 a.m. on Monday morning.

## HENRY FORD SUED.

JURY-WOMAN'S ACT VOIDS TRIAL.

Detroit, April 22. The Federal Court has declared a mis-trial in the million dollar libel suit brought against Mr. Henry Ford by Mr. Aaron Sapiro, a wealthy Chicago lawyer, on account of alleged anti-Jewish articles in Mr. Ford's weekly paper the Dearborn Independent, on the ground that it was impossible to proceed as a jury-woman had given an interview to a local paper.

The trial has been proceeding for several weeks at very great expense, and has aroused vast public interest, as it is thought that anti-Semitism played a large part in the Dearborn Independent suggesting that there existed a Jewish conspiracy to control agriculture in the United States.

The jury consisted of six men and six women, who were not connected with the Ku-klux-klan, nor wore of Jewish race by blood or marriage. Mr. Ford's counsel, Senator Reed, a prospective candidate for the Presidency, was seized with severe pains in the abdomen and removed to Mr. Ford's hospital.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## THE MEXICAN HORROR.

FEELINGS BADLY HARROWED.

Mexico City, April 22. The spectacle of sobbing men, shrieking women and wailing children alighting from the carriages completely overcame the crowd lining the platform, on arrival of the relief train bearing survivors of the terrible bandit train-outrage.

Men broke down and cried, and women fainted or became hysterical. One woman on learning that her husband was among those killed, shrieked and attempted to tear off her clothes and throw herself under the train. A young man alighted from a pullman car, with a maniacal laugh, and invited his friends to dance. It transpired that he was insane as a result of the tragedy, in which his wife and three children had been butchered.

Another man returned with only three girls out of a family of eleven. Altogether twenty children were massacred. Some bore gaping wounds similar to those caused by dum-dum bullets. Men in the crowd cried piteously at the sight of three children wrapped in blankets and covered with hideous burns.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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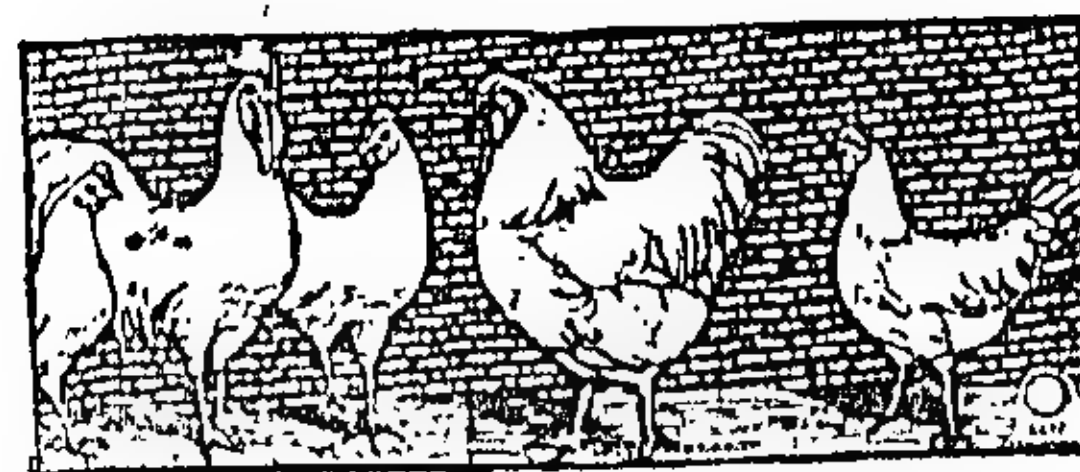
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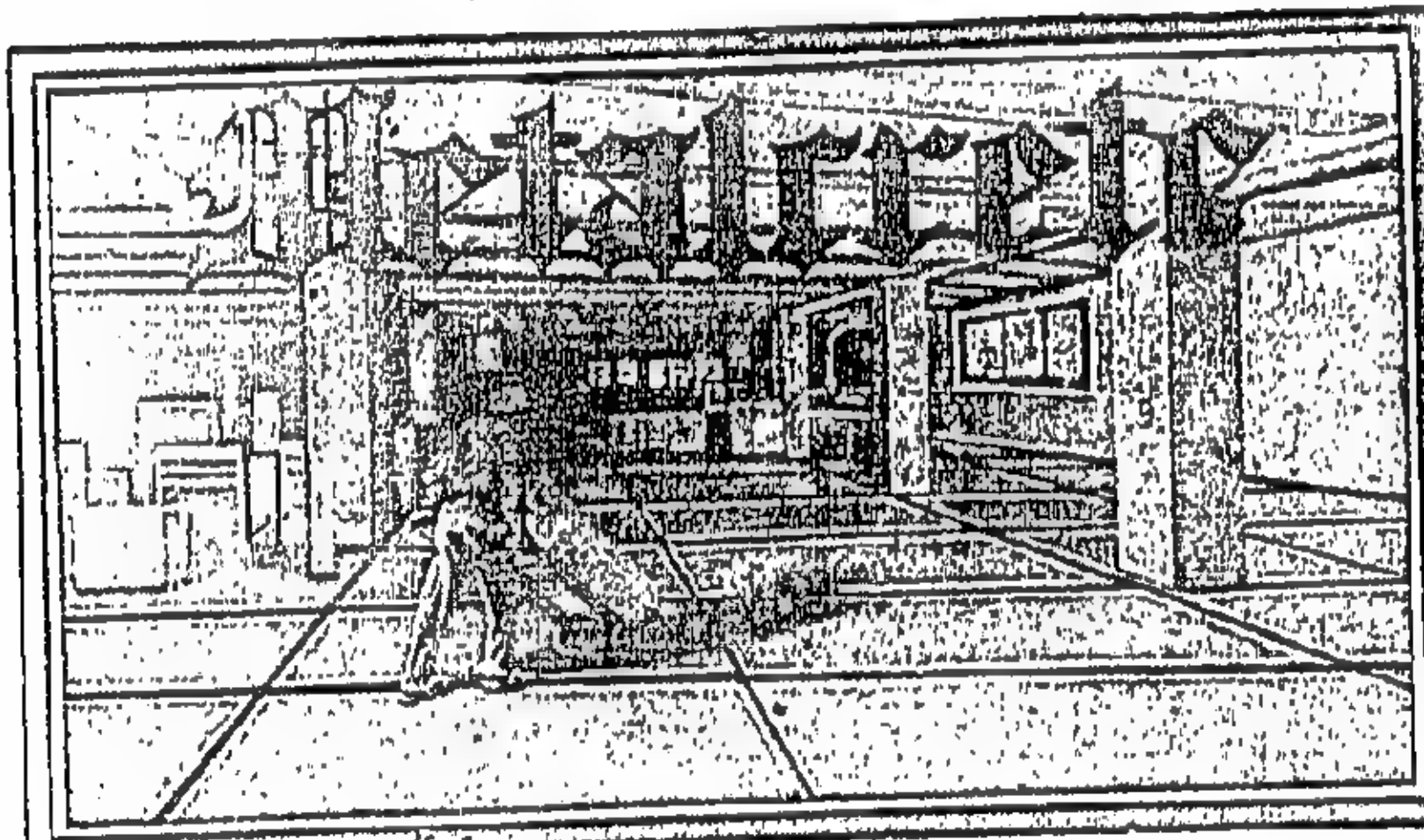
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## PLOT AGAINST DUCE.

LONG TERMS IN ROME TRIAL.

Rome, April 22. General Zamboni and General Capello and (in default) another accused, Ursella, charged with conspiring to attempt the assassination of Signor Mussolini, have been sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment.

Duce, has been sentenced to 12 years and one month, Nicoloso and Luigi Calligaris to 10 months and 20 days, Riva to 7 years, Angelo Calligaris to four months, and Celotti has been acquitted. The first three sentences accorded with the Public Prosecutor's previous demand.—*Reuter.*

## JAPANESE MORATORIUM.

A MODIFIED APPLICATION.

Tokyo, April 22. A moratorium has been proclaimed, effective from to-day, for twenty days.

It does not apply to the payment of wages, payment of debts to local governments and public bodies, and to bank deposits under 500 yen in amount.—*Reuter.*

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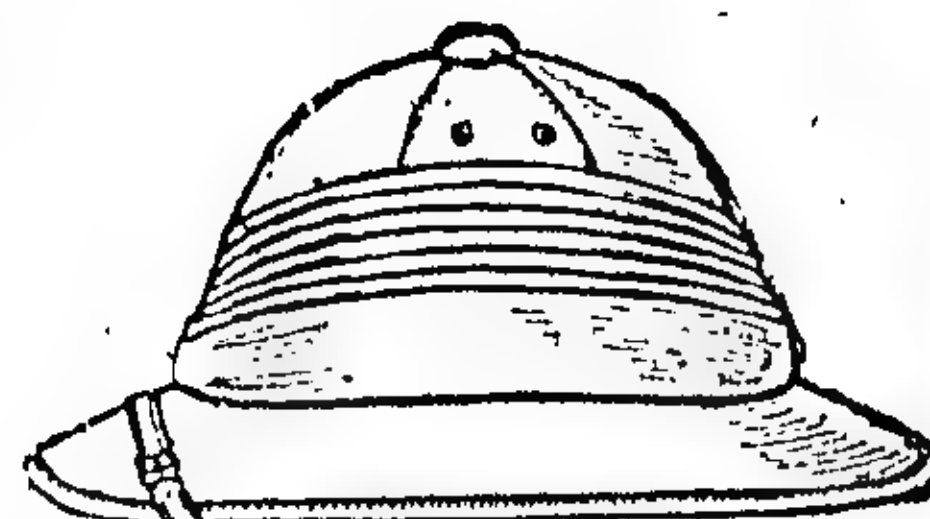
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## AEROPLANE MISHAP.

COLLIDES WITH WATER BOAT.

A plane from the Hermes, on returning from manoeuvres at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, came in collision with a water boat which was rounding the stern of the aircraft carrier. Slight damage was caused to the plane's starboard float but none of the aviators were in any way injured.

The plane had "landed" and was approaching the Hermes, when the water boat rounded the stern of the vessel and crossed the fairway of the aircraft. An attempt to avoid a collision was made but the starboard float of the plane struck the boat, resulting in a leakage.

A motor boat from the Hermes went to the rescue and the plane was safely hoisted on board the carrier.

## FALSE NOTE.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, an Indian, named Asraff Ali, who stated he was a broker, was charged with uttering a forged \$500 banknote at No. 62, Hollywood Road, when paying for drinks. Mr. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for the defence, and applied for a remand.

Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker who prosecuted, suggested bail of \$1000.

Mr. Armstrong replied that defendant could put up only \$500. Sergeant Baker: We allege that the defendant had already received \$450 on his false note.

His Worship: I will split up the difference and make it \$750.

Defendant was remanded until next Friday.



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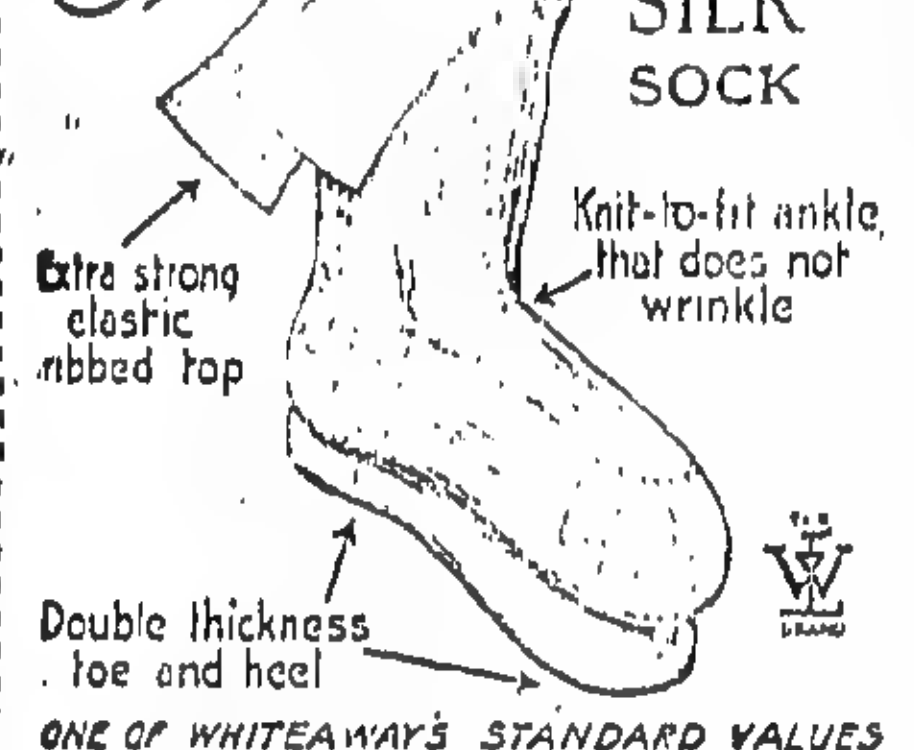
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tonished—almost bewildered—by  
what I saw, writes Mr. W. A.  
Gleave, manager of the Southern  
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the Fair, and the smoothness with  
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little. It speaks for itself—it has  
spoken through the ages—for it  
speaks all languages. It sends its  
message across the continents and  
the seven seas for all who will to  
heed. Amidst the babel of tongues  
to be heard in his huge market  
place—Tעות, Latin, Slav, Oriental  
and Anglo-Saxon—one experi-  
enced little difficulty in making  
oneself understood.

I only had one regret during  
my visit—that the great country  
to which I belong was as unworthily  
represented, for I discovered to  
my dismay that fewer than a  
dozen English manufacturers  
were exhibiting their wares. It is  
gratifying to know that this de-  
plorable state of things has to  
some extent been remedied, and  
that at this year's spring Fair the  
British Empire section (which my  
friend Mr. Markham has worked  
so wholeheartedly to foster) will  
be more adequately represented,  
though there is still much room  
for improvement. One thing is  
certain. We cannot afford to  
stand aloof from this great in-  
dustrial meeting place. In the  
past we have, perhaps, been too  
prone to imagine that the fine  
quality of our wares was sufficient  
to recommend them. We have  
been too conservative in our  
methods. That phase is passing.  
Competition is, nowadays, too  
keen to permit of such a purblind  
policy. Where others are we also  
must be, and Britishers, if they  
are to increase their grip com-  
mercially in Europe, must flock in  
increasing numbers to Leipzig.

## LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS.

MASTER OF "ABODE OF  
LOVE" DEAD

John Hugh Smyth-Pigott, the  
"Messiah" of the once-notorious  
sect known as the Agapemonites,  
has died at Spaxton, a village about  
five miles from Bridgewater.  
It was to Spaxton that he fled when  
practically founded out of public  
life in London.

Disclosures respecting the  
"Abode of Love" at Spaxton and  
Smyth-Pigott's "soul wives" there,  
were one of the sensations of the  
day about 18 years ago.

Smyth-Pigott became ill about  
three weeks ago (says a Daily  
Chronicle correspondent in mail  
week), and died from bronchitis  
and influenza. The secrecy which  
marked all his doings since he  
took up his residence at Spaxton  
was observed after his death.

It is the belief of Agapemonites  
that Smyth-Pigott lives for ever-  
more. The only indication of the  
death of the sect's leader is that  
the window blinds of "The Agape-  
mone" were half-drawn.

All the servants at "The Agape-  
mone" are unpaid. They work  
there "for love."

Smyth-Pigott called Sister Ruth  
his "spiritual wife," and by her  
he had three children—Glory, pur-  
sely known as David, now 23;  
Panion, known as Power (19); and  
Lavetia (16.) Glory is said to  
have studied medicine in London.  
The two sons and daughter are at  
present at Spaxton, where they  
have been since Smyth-Pigott be-  
came ill.

Mrs. Smyth-Pigott, his lawful  
wife, by whom he had no children,  
is at Spaxton. She is 73, and still  
drives her own car.

### Sister Ruth's Escape.

Smyth-Pigott was the son of  
well-to-do parents, and passed  
through Oxford. For some years  
Sister Ruth remained chief "soul  
wife," but eventually peace be-  
tween them was destroyed by the  
arrival of a woman whom Smyth-  
Pigott named Sister Grace, who  
supplanted Sister Ruth. Sister  
Ruth then made the first of her  
escapes from the "Master," carry-  
ing her child Glory about the  
country with her in her painful  
wanderings.

Smyth-Pigott's agents followed  
her, persuaded her to renew her  
home at the "Abode," and she was  
there when the "Messiah" died.

Public feeling was often roused  
to such an extent by the conduct  
of Smyth-Pigott that he was  
forced to take many "holidays"  
abroad, but while abroad he took  
the opportunity of founding

## "LITTLE TICH" SUED.

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS  
ACTION OVER POSTERS

Harry Relph, better known as  
"Little Tich," the music hall com-  
edian, successfully resisted a claim  
for £26, 11s. 10d. made against  
him by David Allen & Sons,  
theatrical printers, of London and  
Belfast, at Westminster Court  
Court recently.

The claim was in respect of the  
balance for 5,000 posters alleged  
to have been supplied on an order  
from defendant which he signed  
in 1912. In consequence of dis-  
closures made during the case,  
which has been before the Court  
several times, the amount of the  
claim was reduced to £2, 14s. 9d.

Judge Tobin, in giving judy-  
ment for defendant with costs,  
said the claim, when the writ was  
issued, was for £26, 11s. 10d.,  
based on the suggestion that plain-  
tiffs had printed 5,000 posters for  
"Little Tich."

To my amazement, he went on,  
I find that this firm of David Allen  
& Sons, which I suppose holds its  
head high, had not printed at the  
day of the writ 5,000 posters, but  
had printed a trifle over half,  
namely, 2,525, and they had the  
audacity, after they had issued  
the writ, to print 2,475 more pos-  
ters.

### "Disagreeable Atmosphere."

That is a shocking thing to have  
done, and no one has been called  
to explain why it was done.  
These facts were mentioned several  
weeks ago, and no attempt has  
been made to explain them, and  
it creates a nasty, disagreeable at-  
mosphere, and they alone were to  
blame for it.

Another disagreeable thing,  
went on the Judge, has come to  
light. Plaintiffs said they acted  
as agent for "Little Tich," printed  
upon his order and credited him  
with the amounts received from  
various music halls.

I find in 19 cases out of 54 they  
have, far from selling at the  
agreed rates, sold at a higher  
price, thereby making a profit for  
themselves, and they did not  
credit "Little Tich" with the pro-  
fit. That was how the claim came  
to be reduced to £2, 14s. 9d. only.

Having regard to the action of  
David Allen & Sons in selling  
these goods at what I call exorci-  
sive prices, which they put in their  
own pockets instead of credit-  
ing "Little Tich," I have no hesita-  
tion in saying David Allen did the  
whole of this work on "spec," and  
never meant to look to "Little  
Tich" at all. But, being disap-  
pointed when they found the pos-  
ters were going out of fashion  
and the music-halls were not tak-  
ing them up so much, during and  
since the war, they set out to re-  
coup the loss from "Little Tich."

### Gives Evidence.

"Little Tich," in evidence, said  
he had done business with David  
Allen & Sons for 35 years, but had  
never paid for any of the posters  
or received any invoice, account, or  
statement in connexion with  
them. The firm sent posters to  
the theatre at which he appeared  
and received payment from the  
theatre.

Mr. Lever—Cross-examining—  
Do you really object to paying  
this £2, 14s. 9d.?—Why should I  
gap, I have never paid you be-  
fore.

Counsel—No, because the pos-  
ters have all been worked off.  
Ought not the fact that you have  
never paid before make you feel  
that you have been on a lucky  
winner all along and that when  
you came to a loss like this you  
should pay up like a philosopher I  
knew you to be?

Witness—Why have not the rest  
of the posters been worked off?

Because you have given us no  
dates. Why is that?—Because I  
have had no engagements, that is  
why.

Mr. Lever said he accepted what  
Mr. Relph had said, and added  
that he had been a perfectly  
honourable witness.

The Judge—The perfect angel.

Counsel—Quite so.  
At a later stage in cross-  
examination, Counsel said:—We  
knew that even the great artists  
on the stage are a little unbusi-  
nesslike.

Judge Tobin—Are they. Who  
says so? (to witness—Do you  
agree?)

"Little Tich" smiled, but did not  
reply.

Counsel—I say you in business  
as a grocer, and you were very  
businesslike then. (Laughter.)

Mr. Gallop (for defendant)—  
And I believe as a barrister too.  
(Laughter.)

"Abodes of Love" wherever he was  
able. He took care that all his  
female converts belonged to the  
monied classes, and it was an  
unwritten law that when they  
joined the inner circle at Spaxton  
they pooled their resources.

For years he conducted mid-  
night services there, but latterly  
turned to spiritualism and the ser-  
vices became seances.

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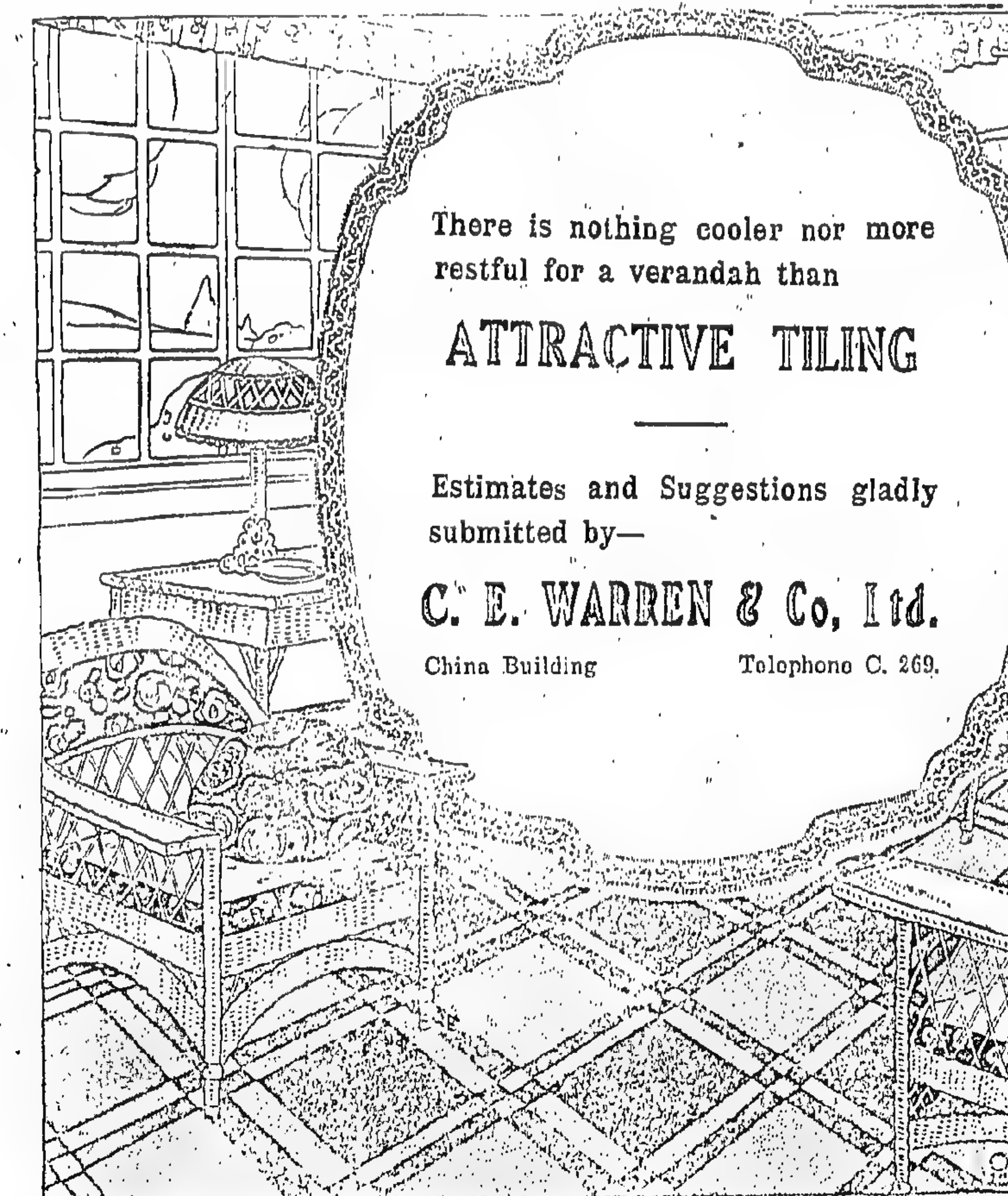
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## ACE UP THE SLEEVE.

AN ACCIDENT ONCE, BUT  
NOT TWICE.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild,  
K.C.), at the Old Bailey, London,  
when summing up to the jury in  
an alleged forgery case, recalled  
the famous case of "The Brides in  
the Bath," which was heard in the  
Court in which he was then sit-  
ting.

The Recorder was directing the  
jury to consider whether the al-  
leged forgery was the mistaken

action of an honest dupe, or  
whether it was part of a system  
or scheme of fraud. The "Brides  
in the Bath" case would be re-  
called, in which the man Smith  
had three consecutive wives, each  
of whom died in a bath. Smith  
was tried for murder, and his de-  
fence was that what had happened  
was an accident.

Then the prosecution were al-  
lowed to prove that two wives had  
similarly died in the bath, and it  
was put to the jury by the very  
eminent Judge, a direction that  
was afterwards upheld by the  
Court of Criminal Appeal, that if  
this sort of thing occurred again  
and again, the jury might think  
it was not a mistake, but part

of a system. He (the Recorder)  
remembered the Judge drawing  
the allegory that "if I had the ace  
of trumps up my sleeve once, it  
might be an accident, but if it was  
found there twice or three times,  
people are apt to believe unkindly  
that it was part of a design or sys-  
tem."

The case was one in which  
Dolita Morton or Phyllis Layo  
(29), married, pleaded not guilty  
to forging and uttering a cheque  
for £350.

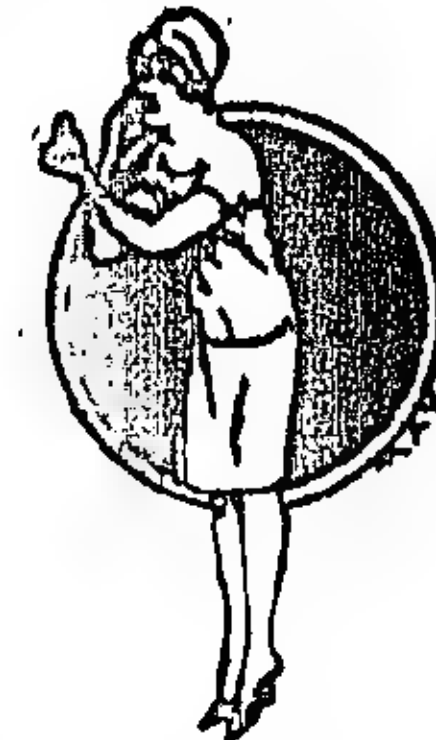
Accused was found guilty, and  
sentence was postponed until next  
Sessions, when the case of Jose-  
phine O'Dare, with which it was  
associated, will be dealt with.



## ARRIVED THIS WEEK



ON SALE EVERYWHERE

WOMAN'S  
WORLD

## ARRIVED THIS WEEK



ON SALE EVERYWHERE



This fluffy frock has a clever side drapery suggesting the bouffant lines of great-grandmother's pannier, though it is careful to keep the little slimsness so chic in fashions of today. Silver and chiffon ornament the waistline. The deep front V ends in a shallower V at the back.

There was a time when it was considered very bad breeding to discuss money. But that was long ago. Now the other extreme holds good. We discuss very freely housekeeping finance, schedules of carefully-compiled accounts being given in detail. One is not ashamed of being hard-up. Rather is it considered "the thing" to do things on economical lines. No one will deny that there is little money to spend nowadays, and that spending to gain the greatest satisfaction to oneself is far wiser than indulging in expensive display to impress strangers and to deceive friends. Indeed, so really "smart" is it to be "hard-up" that those with money now hesitate to admit to being comfortably off!

## ARTIFICIAL JEWELS.

REAL GEMS NOT NECESSARY.

Personality in dress is easier to achieve through jewels than in the selection of gowns and hats, according to Dorothy Francis, one of the leading American prima donnas.

"I have never cared," she admits, "for 'arty' clothes—this going about in poster smocks when smart women wear black, and in cloth of gold turbans when the French untrimmed model is the hat of the day, may cause you to be looked at, but not with envy."

Parisian Standards.  
"In all my travels over this country and in the capitals of Europe, I always find that the smartest women adhere to the Parisian standards in cut and line, and obtain their individuality without losing their chic."

It is easier to be well jewelled to-day than ever before, Miss Francis believes, because to-day we wear jewels to give a note of colour, or an accent of glitter, and carry out a general scheme of decoration instead of merely adding diamonds to an already complete costume, just because we can flaunt them.

Taste a Criterion.  
"This," she points out, "has removed the prejudice from the artificial jewel, and has made workmanship and taste the criterion. If the desired effect can be achieved through imitation stones, there is no objection. A sophisticated woman will always be superior in dress to any ornamentation she may adopt."

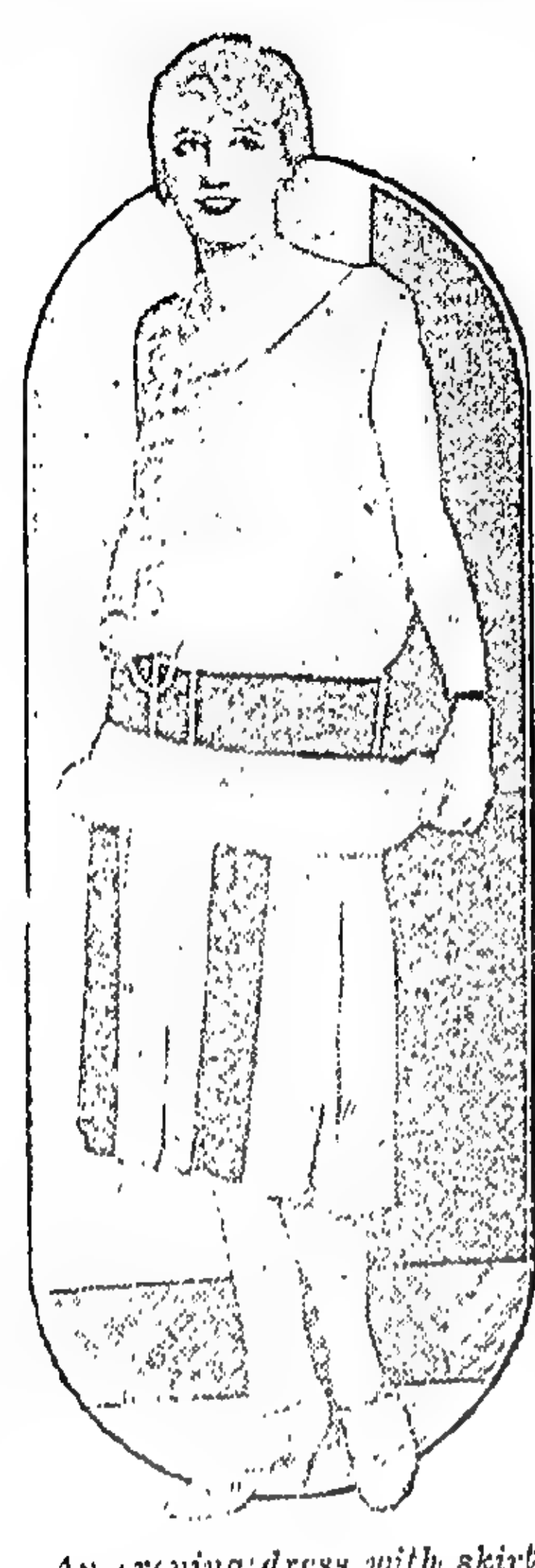
"The arrangement and selection of jewels is an individual study. On a blonde what is more decorative and lovely than pearls? She is also lovely with a note of crystal, or antique gold. A brunette, just because she is more obviously the jewel type, should always be careful how she loads herself with sparklers."

Exquisitely Cheap.  
"Sapphires and emeralds are, to my mind, the loveliest of stones, and jade and amber the least appreciated. Corals and turquoises and many of the comparatively cheap stones are exquisite in colour and contribute a distinct quality to different types. In the arrangement, colour, and in workmanship of jewels, there is enough study to occupy a lifetime."

Miss Francis has collected jewelry from all parts of the world, and nothing delights her more than to wear the oriental rings, bracelets and chains, purchased in Algeria to humour an exotic mood. She has many rings, mere circles of stones that she wears pushed down no farther than to the second point—an oriental fad. She also has bands of diamonds or pearls



One of the frocks of shaded fringe. Belt and underlap are of satin.



An evening dress with skirt of pleated silver cloth and velvet. The blouse is of brocade lace.



Dinner gown with black satin bolero embroidered in shades of pink and rose.

## THIS WEEK'S RECIPE.

## LEMON MERINGUE PIE.

1½ cups sugar, 1½ cups boiling water, 5 tablespoons cornstarch, 1/3 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon Purico, 2 eggs, 5 tablespoons lemon juice, grated rind of three-fourths lemon.

Thoroughly mix together the cornstarch, salt and sugar, and add to the boiling water, stirring constantly. When thick, transfer to a double boiler and cook at least ten minutes. Add the Purico and slowly stir this into the egg yolks, slightly beaten. Then add the lemon juice and rind. In the meantime, the pastry should have been prepared and baked on an inverted pie-plate. When this crust is almost brown enough, it should be put in the pie-plate, the cool filling poured in and the whole covered with a meringue made by beating the egg whites stiff, adding a few drops of lemon extract or juice, and two tablespoonsful of powdered sugar. Bake in a moderate oven, for about ten minutes longer.

## TEN FASHION COMMANDMENTS.

1.—Fine tucks in geometrical design will be seen covering or decorating both jumpers and skirts.

2.—The contrast between blouses and skirts will be as definitely marked as ever.

3.—As a change from the all-round effect, fullness will be kept strictly to the front of the new skirts.

4.—Beige and royal blue are this season's idea of a smart combination.

5.—Two fabrics are still counted smarter than one. A crepe frock is allied with jersey. Silk is employed with crepe. Tweed is used with suede cloth.

6.—Separate belts are smarter than those attached to the garment, although most jumpers and frocks have a belted waistline.

7.—Collarless necklines are preferred. They may be either V-shaped or square; the opening in front being wider than the one at the back in the latter case.

8.—No frock is without a cardigan or matching jackets of some sort.

9.—The bloused silhouette is still apparent in afternoon modes.

10.—Three-piece suits with coats no longer than those associated with tailors are to be worn.

that are worn over the hand, forming a diagonal line of stones across the hand.

Her Theory.  
"My theory of dress is this," she concluded: simple frocks, preferably of black or white, in excellent quality and line, then a careful and studied arrangement of such jewels and ornaments as contribute to the individual type and stress the colours that are most becoming; then a hat that is as near up-to-the-minute as you can have it. In other words, I believe in conforming to the mode, or to the individuality, as you will, but with reason."

## ABOUT MILLINERY.

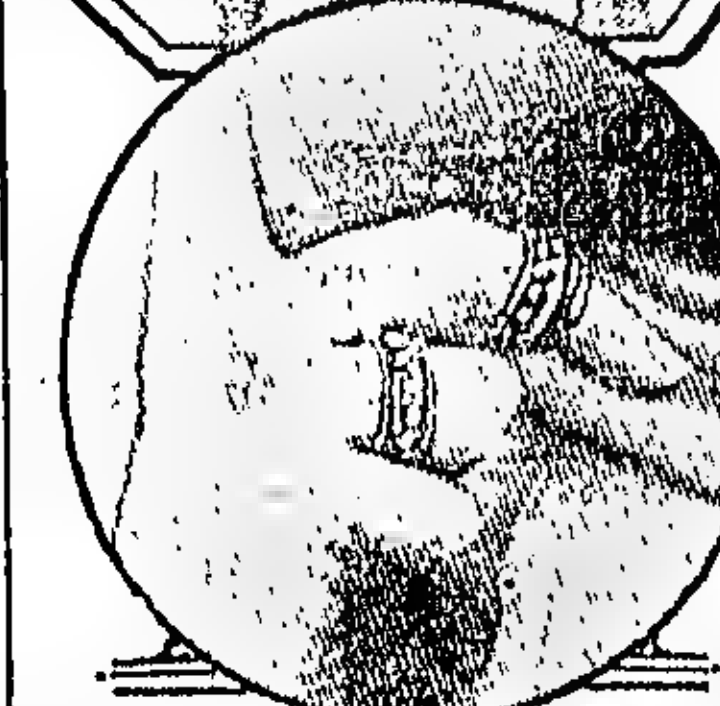
The most definite thing about the new hats is that they follow, with little exaggeration, the exact curve of the head, even to the sweep at the nape of the neck.

Soft straws, which comply with these regulations as far as the shape goes, are treated to much indented crowns as the only decoration.

Flower-covered toques are shown by some modistes. They are of the pudding basin variety, with a little posy of flowers on one side.

Thick au-purée lace presents endless attractions to us. It is shown in bands on a matching coloured felt, a black moire ribbon binding the brim for effect.

Machine-stitched flowers are a new decoration. They are brightly coloured, and they take the place of the conventional ribbon, band which we are learning to do without. Sometimes they are worked in silk, at others in darning wool.



Dorothy Francis wearing some of her "personality" jewellery.

## THE CHARLESTON.

MUST BE ANALYSED.

"Sorry, I can't Charleston," he said as his partner launched into a few side steps when the band proved very provocative, "I'm too old," he demurred.

"How old?"

"Thirty-eight," was the reply.

"Sure it isn't eighty-three?" she scoffed. Then with a change of tone, "Nevertheless, you are going to do the Charleston—the flat, ball-room variety. Even my father does it."

As a matter of fact, far too many middle-aged people—more particularly men—are afraid to attempt the Charleston. They think it looks intricate and too vigorous. If they would analyse the dance they would cease to think it involved—but it must be analysed and the basic movements thoroughly understood before that change of opinion comes about.

Simultaneous and Different Movements.

The Charleston consists of doing three things simultaneously.

1. On the toes raise and lower.
2. Turning toes in and out.
3. Transferring the weight from one foot to the other.

All these are to be combined, but not all at once. When, incidentally, 1 and 3 are first combined, the step is rather like what the pantomime principal boys used to do when marking time as they sang their patriotic and marching songs.

Much Practice Required.

As each of the three specified movements must be completely mastered and then combined gradually, there has been no popular dance for a very long time which has needed so much home practice as the Charleston has. It is not a dance into which the slow-coach can be "pulled into form" by his or her partner. The tango, for example, has steps that are not difficult. Its success is mainly built up on style and on practising a good deal with the same partner. In the Charleston the initial effort must rest with the performer. The partner cannot help to anything like the degree possible in, say, the waltz.

A Cause of Disappointment.

Probably the chief cause of disappointment over the Charleston for an elderly dancer is owing to the fact that he or she does not take sufficient little rests when learning the steps. The ankles will probably ache or there may be an ache above the knee at the beginning. Be warned and don't try to do too much.



A frock of beige stockinette for "Miss Sixteen."

## Why Gramophone Music is so Useful.

The gramophone is 'excellent to provide the music for the novice because the speed can be set slow, and as progress with the steps improves the speed can be increased in stages. A firm support is a very great help to the beginner, who naturally will have difficulty with the balance.

## As Proficiency Comes.

It is several months since a Bond-street beauty doctor with New York connexions was advising practices of the Charleston for producing slimmness. Remember, however, that the dance is not for those with weak hearts. As proficiency comes the dancer finds, however, that the steps are less tiring because less bodily work and effort are needed, the ballroom Charleston being mainly footwork.

Again, however, remember not to attempt too much at a time when learning, and to take little and frequent rests between each effort.

## QUEEN OF MARDI GRAS.



Miss Mildred Brown, is queen of this year's Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The 1927 celebration is the one hundredth observance of the fest day. Miss Brown is one of the season's beauties.

## AN ENGLISH BEAUTY.



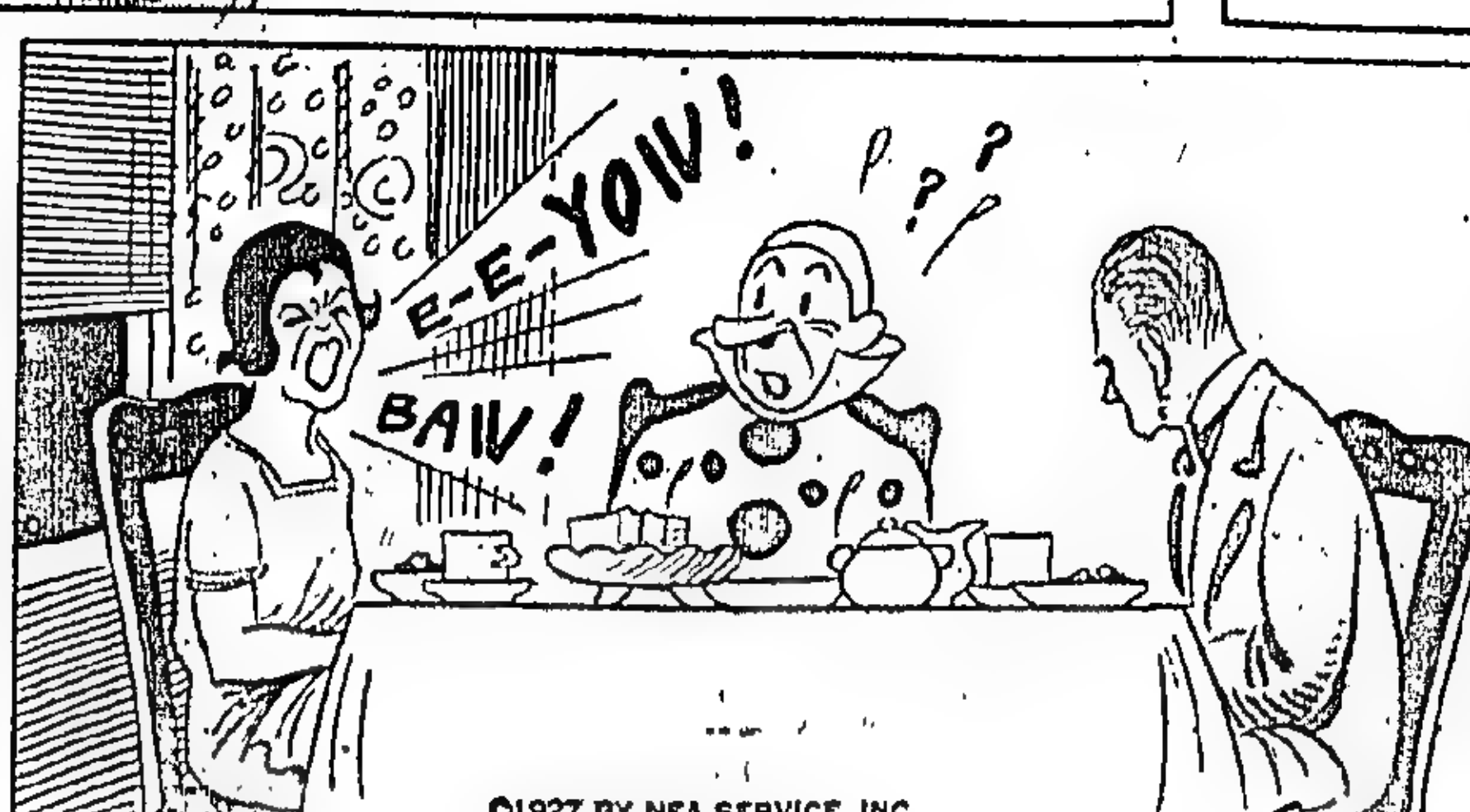
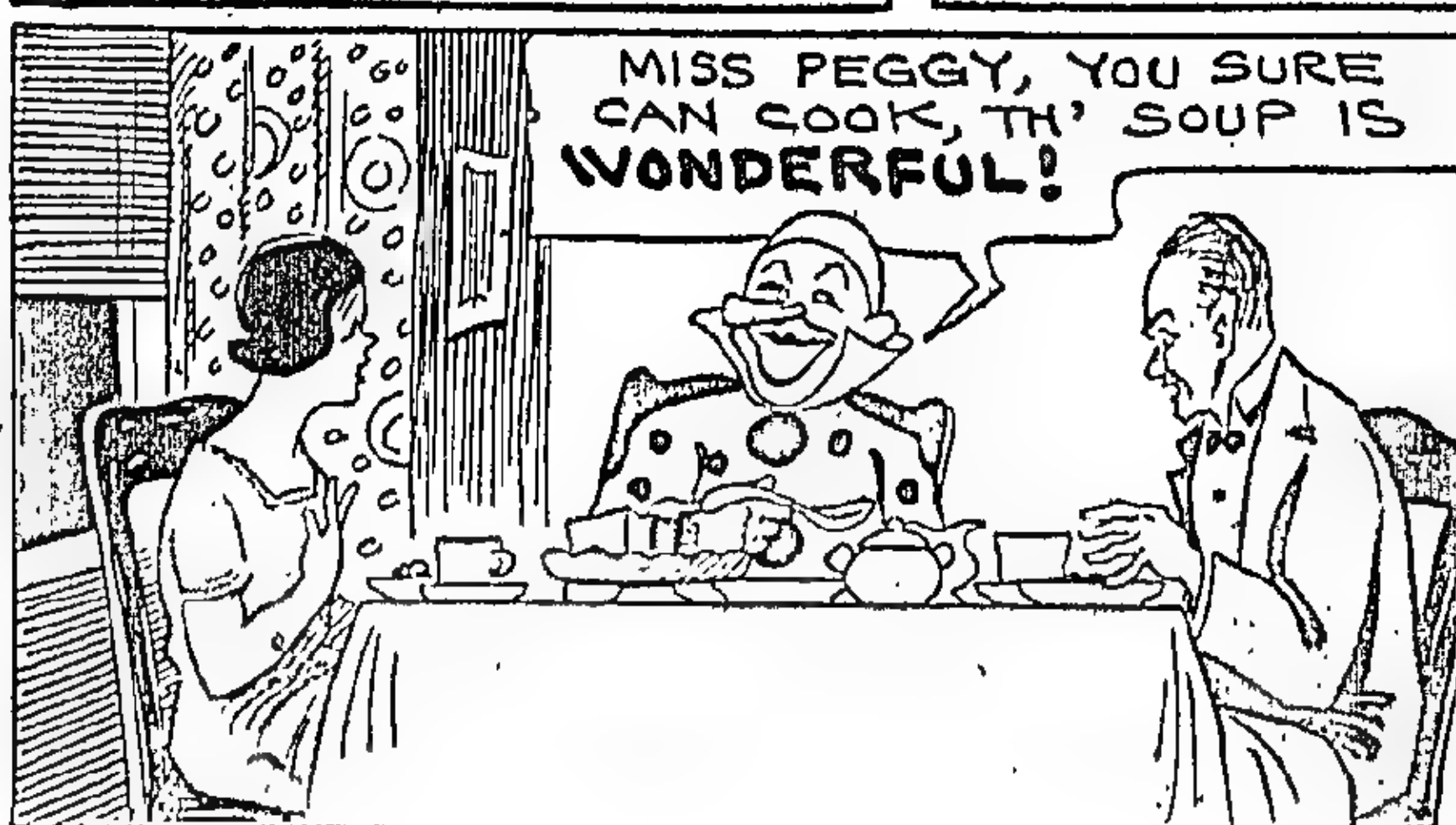
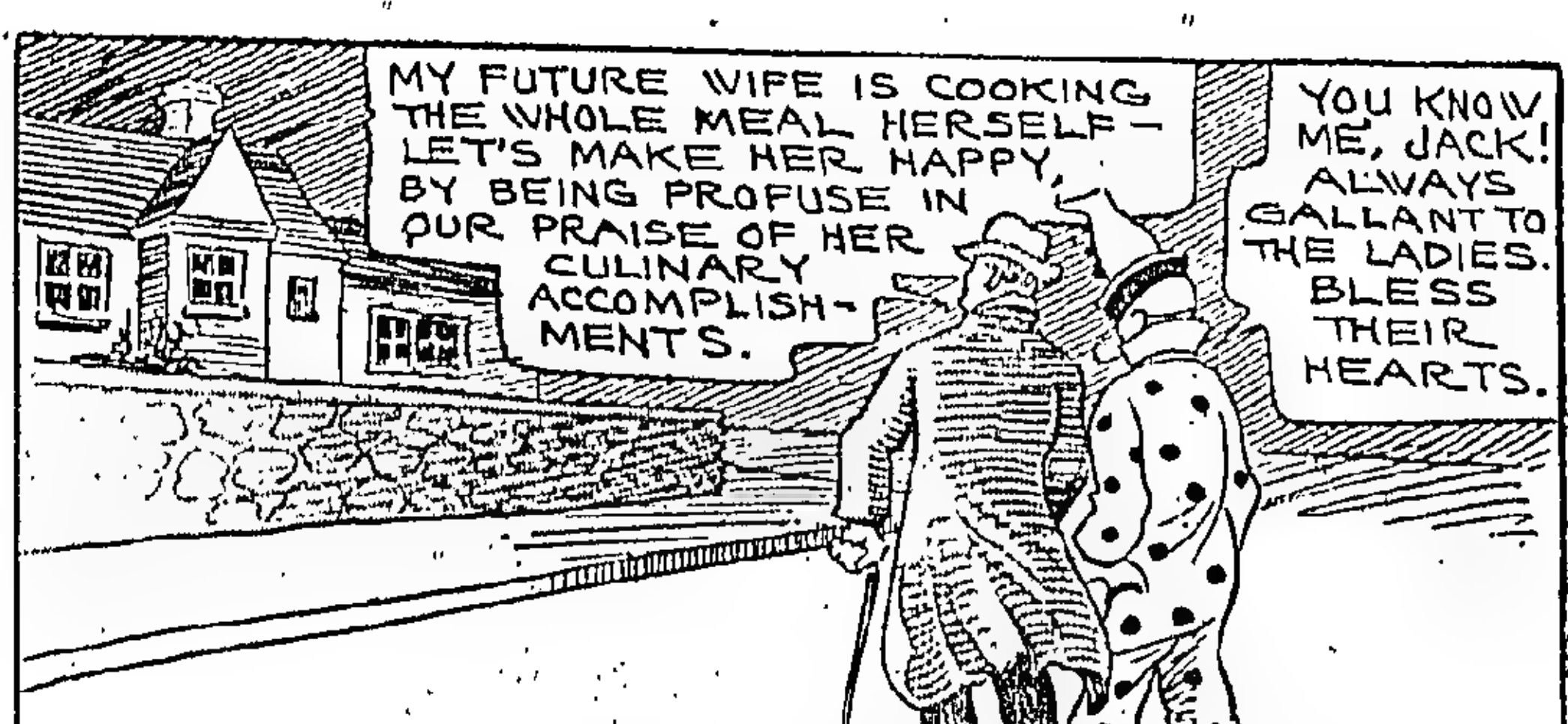
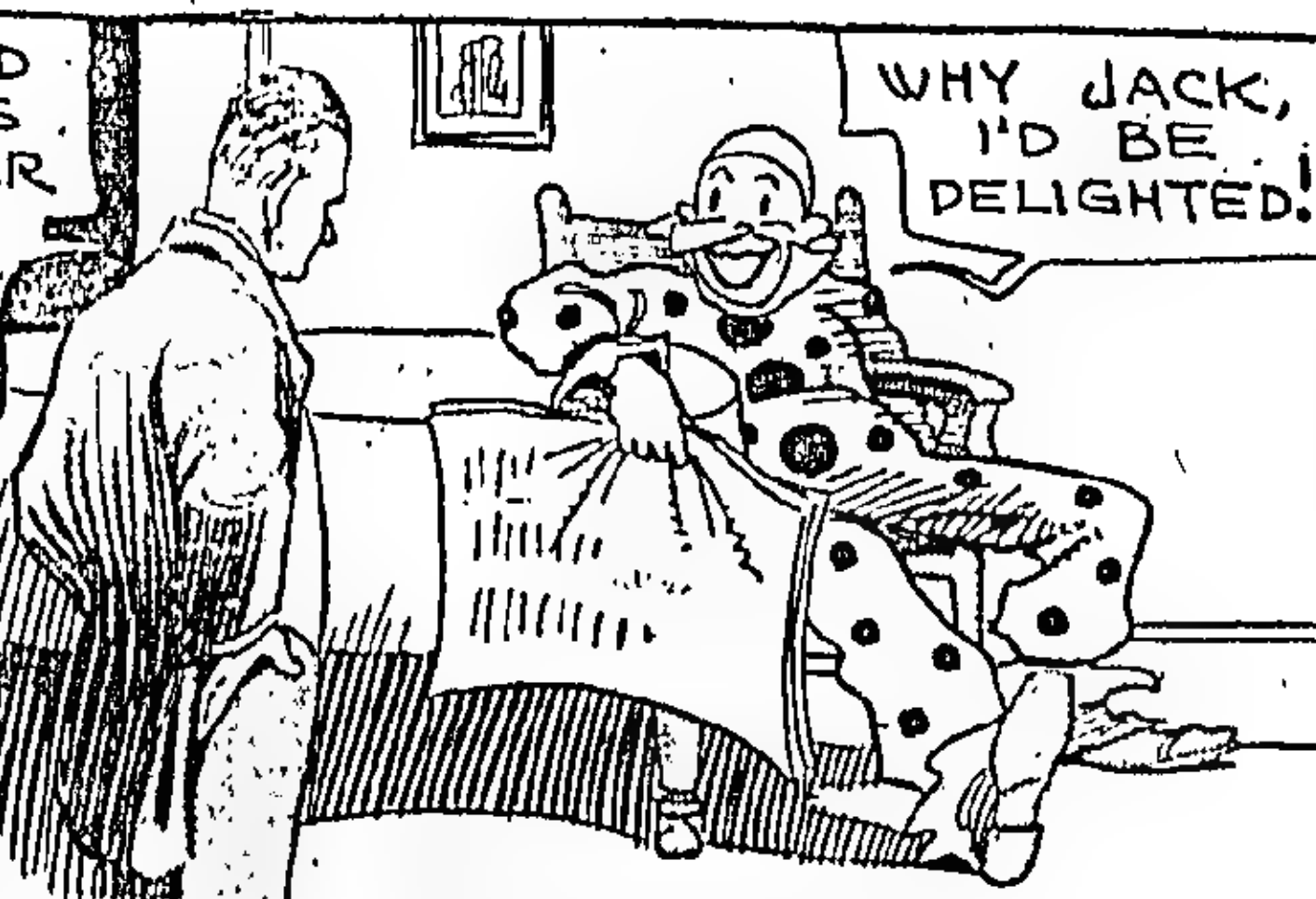
Miss Evelyn Layo (above), is one of the hundred English beauties who are going to the United States to match their wits in a contest whose winner is to have stardom in the States.



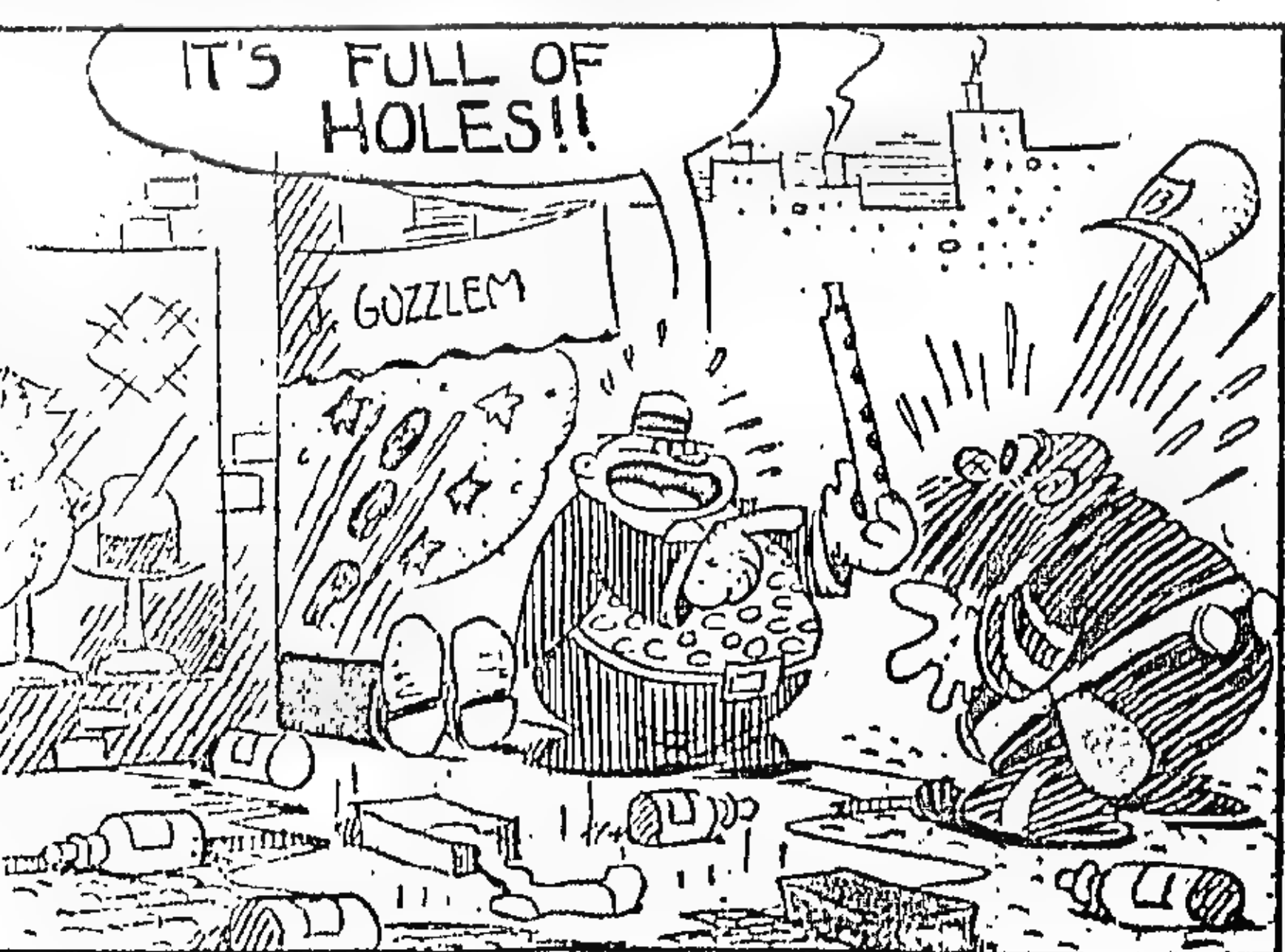
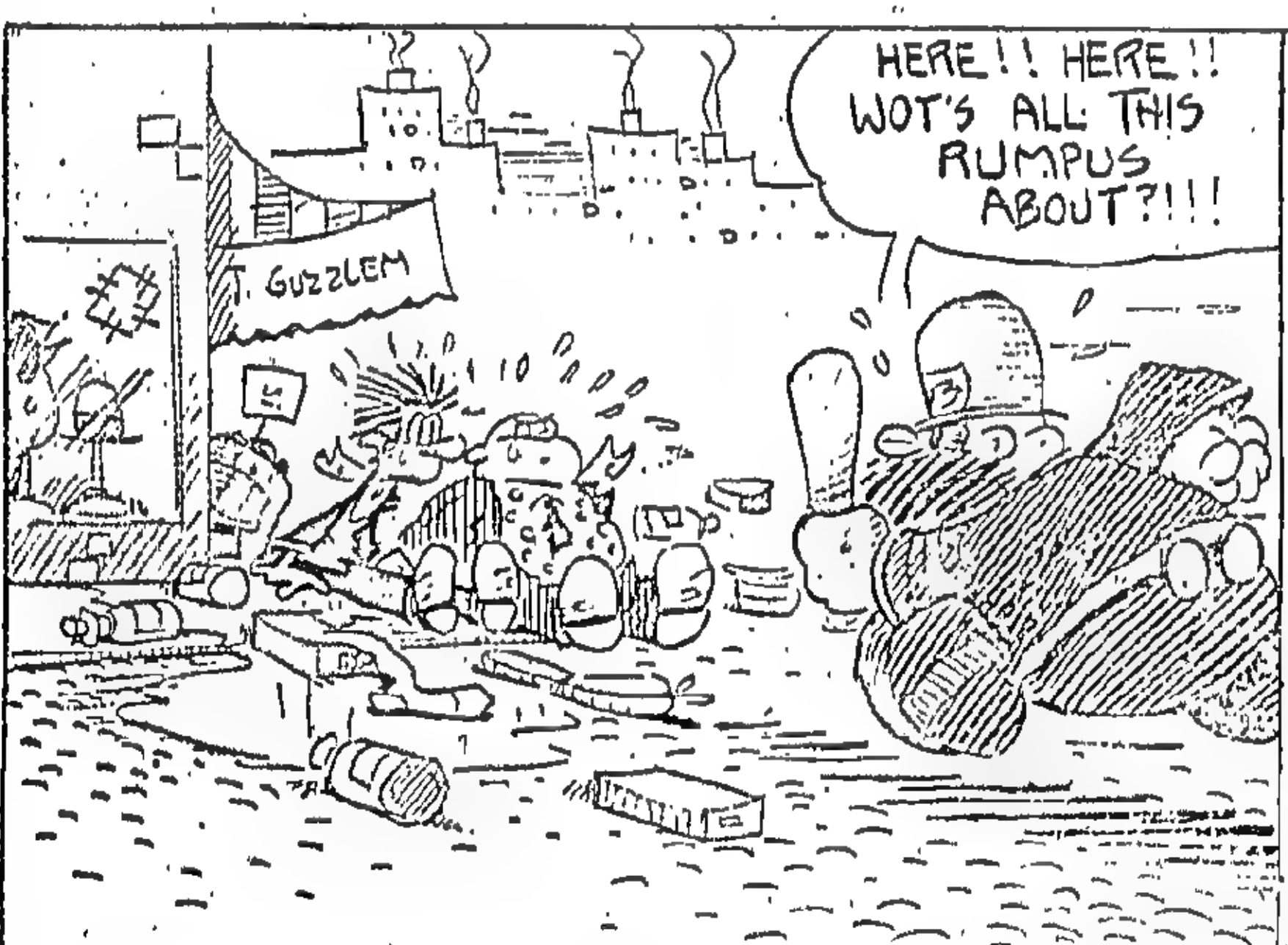
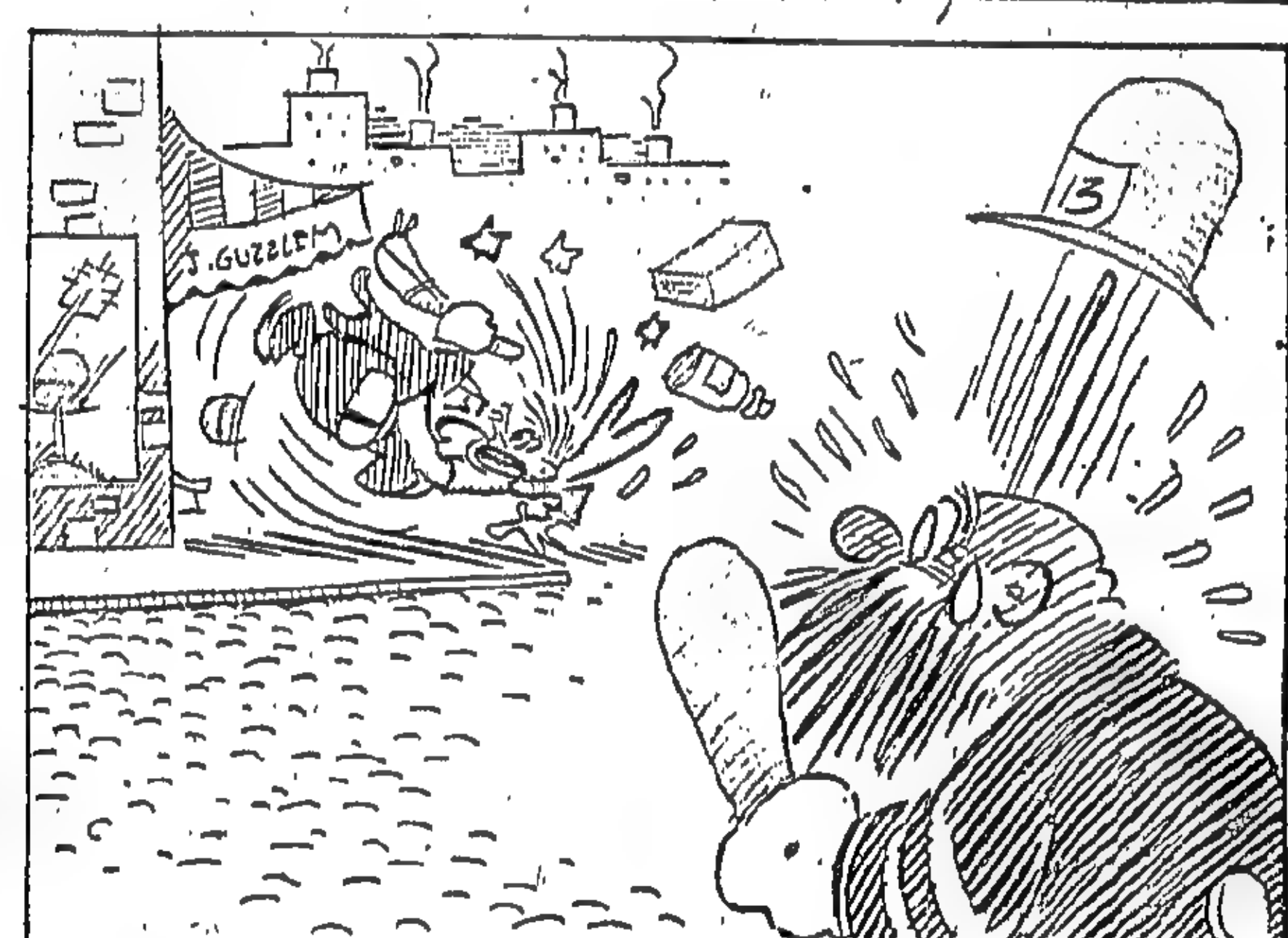
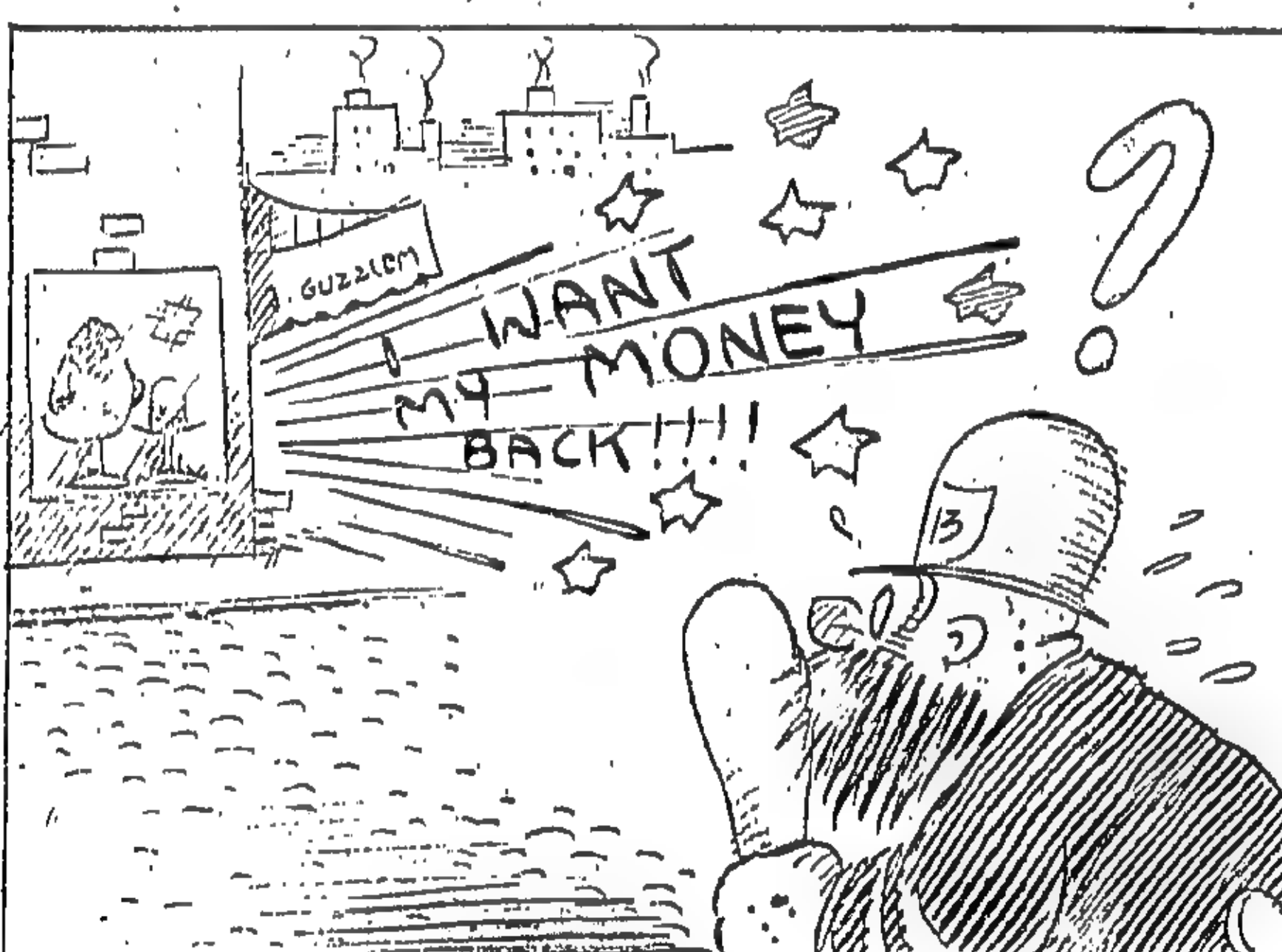
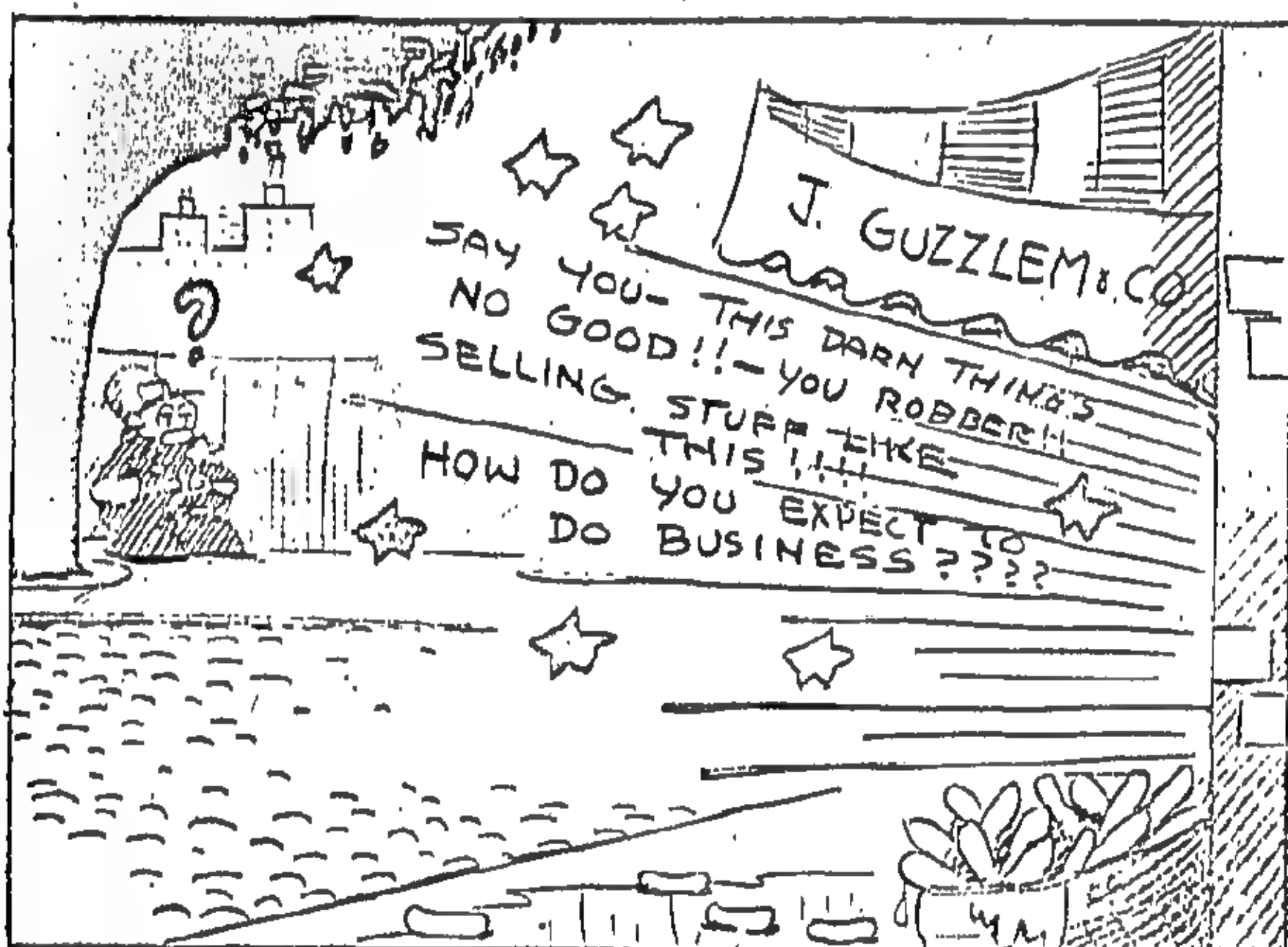
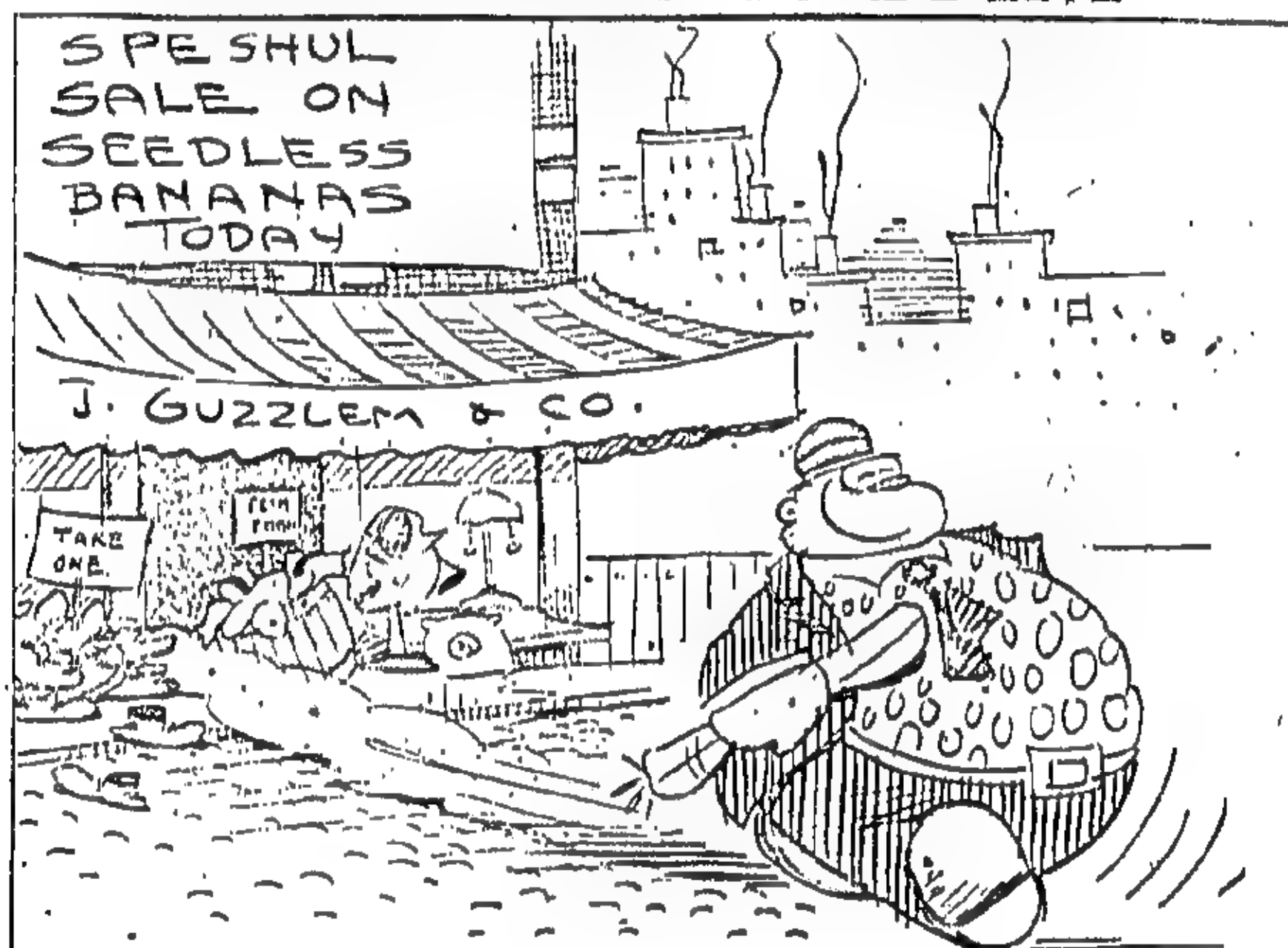
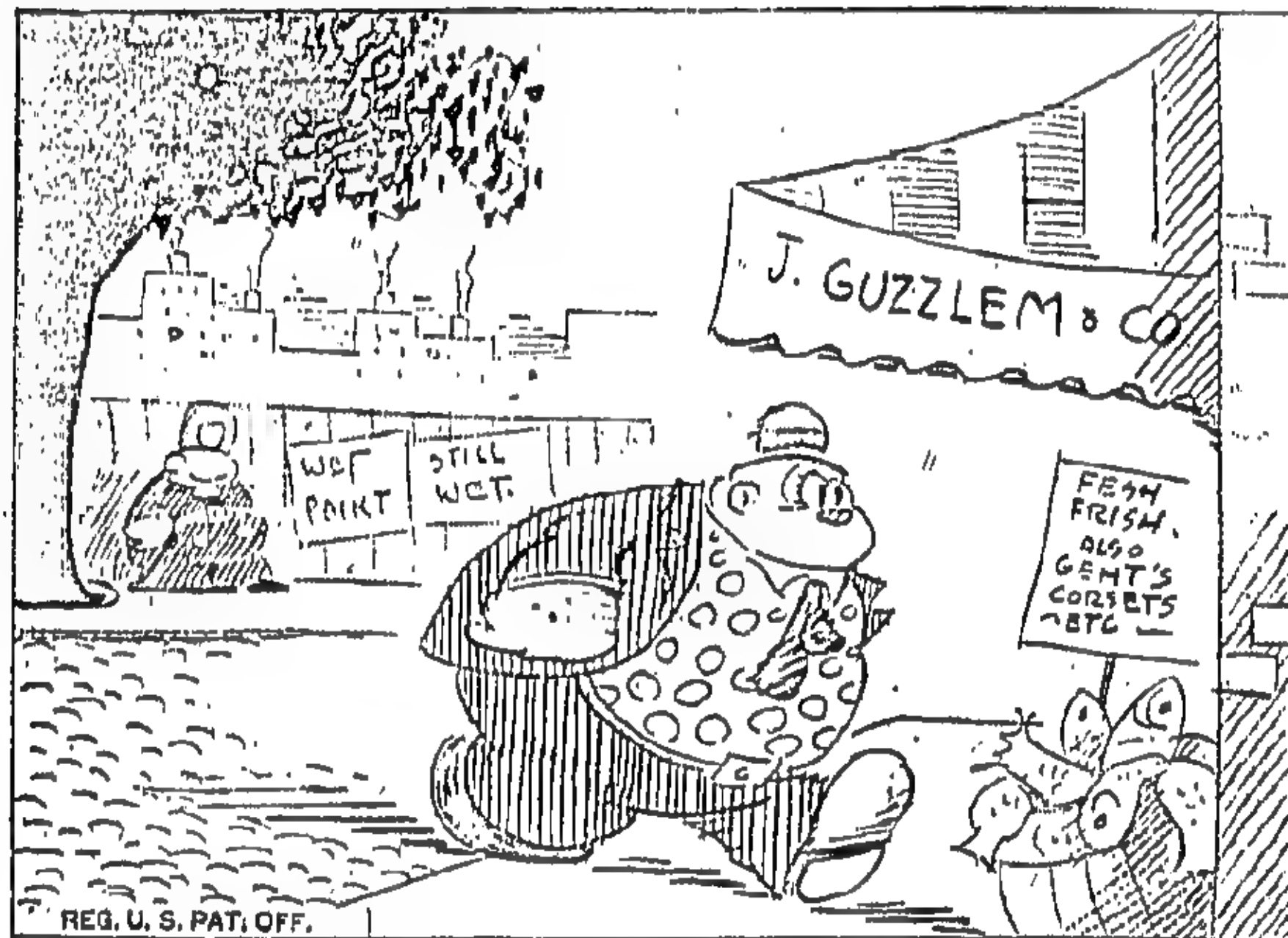
# Jo-Jo THE JESTER

BY JIM LAVEY

JO-JO, I'M INVITED TO MY FIANCEE'S HOME FOR DINNER THIS EVENING — SHE ASKED ME TO BRING A FRIEND, WILL YOU GO?



## SALESMAN SAM



WHITEAWAYS FOR DOLLAR VALUES



## AMERICAN AMATEURS.

CURIOUS INCONSISTENCIES  
IN RULINGS.

## GOLF AND TENNIS.

[By "Wanderer."]

What is the difference between the amateur and the professional in sport?

An ordinary definition is that an amateur plays for play, but Vincent Richards, the famous American tennis player, who recently turned professional, has hinted that while leading amateurs pay a certain something to play, in various ways they receive considerable more for playing.

If we are to believe Richards, the amateur does not exist in fact, and in any case it would appear that the governing bodies in tennis and golf are just as much in the dark as to what constitutes an amateur as the man in the street.

Certainly no more ridiculous decision could be possible than the failure to give Vincent Richards the first ranking amongst men tennis players in 1926, and yesterday a cable from America announced that the powers-that-be in golf have debarred Miss Mary K. Browne from competing in any amateur golf tournament under the jurisdiction of the United States Golf Association. Miss Browne was held to have relinquished her amateur status when she joined Mr. Pyle and his troupe of tennis professionals last autumn.

When Richards won the honours in tennis in 1926 and when he represented the United States in the Davis Cup and other big events he was a simon-pure if there is such a thing. He subsequently turned professional. Because he decided to earn a fancy salary, and perhaps to scare other stars who might have a leaning towards professionalism, he was not included in the annual ranking at all.

On top of this is the announcement concerning Miss Mary Browne. The ruling appears to be contrary to established precedent. For years many of the professional baseball players have played golf. They have always been classed as amateur golfers. Arnold Stutz, a crack professional baseball player, is also a crack amateur golfer. How the Golf Association can be consistent in ruling that a professional baseballer is an amateur golfer, and a tennis professional not, is certainly beyond me.

## LAWN TENNIS.

INDIVIDUAL WINS FOR NG  
BROTHERS.

Following his recent surprise victory over Yew Man-tsun, one of the Chinese Recreation Club's foremost players, J. W. Leonard, playing against Ng Sze-kwong in the fourth round of the Open Singles Championship on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon, created a further surprise by taking the first set easily.

Speed being Leonard's greatest asset, he had the Chinese beaten by returning some almost irretrievable shots. He was careful but lacked overhead work which lost him many points. The Chinese on the other hand was not playing as good a game as he did when he met and defeated E. C. Fincher but towards the end he improved and took the last two sets without much difficulty.

Indifferent umpiring throughout the first two sets caused much annoyance to the players. It was therefore a great relief when Mr. R. E. Lindsell took charge of the game in the third set.

Ng Sze-kwong met Col. Russell-Brown for the third time in the third round of the Singles event and won in three sets. The winner now meets Hoada and should give the champion a hard game.

The Rumjahn cousins had little difficulty in entering the semi-final of the Doubles by defeating the Lo brothers in three sets.

Results.  
The full results of yesterday's matches follow:  
Open Doubles:—F. A. Redmond and Dr. R. E. Tottenham beat Cheong Tak-wing and Hung Kwai-chen, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; S. A. and H. D. Ramjahn beat M. K. and Horace Lo, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Open Singles:—Ng Sze-kwong beat J. W. Leonard, 1-6, 8-6, 6-3, 6-2; Ng Sze-kwong beat Col. Russell-Brown, 6-2, 6-4, 6-6.

Club Championship:—Major W. B. Stevenson beat Dr. W. L. Thomas, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.  
Handicap Singles:—"A."—R. K. Valentine, (rec. 4/6) beat S. E. Green, (ovo 15/3), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.  
Handicap Doubles:—H. Owen Hughes and E. Grimble, (ovo 3/6), beat P. E. Barker and J. S. Kennedy, (rec. 15), 6-1, 6-3; R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley, (ovo 3/6), beat T. J. and E. R. Price, (rec. 4/6), 6-2, 6-0.

To-day's Matches.  
The following matches will be played this afternoon:  
Club Championship:—Dr. Craig v E. Grimble.

## MACAO RACES.

## FIRST EXTRA MEETING.

## TIPS FOR TO-MORROW.

Great interest is being taken in the First Extra Race Meeting held under the administration of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., and, given fine weather, there is no reason why this meeting should not be as great a success as the Inaugural Meeting held in March last.

The first race which will be a Novices' race open to learner riders, of whom there are a number at Macao, will be run at 11.30 a.m. Hongkong visitors will not be able to witness this race if they leave Hongkong on Sunday morning, but those leaving Hongkong at 8.00 a.m. will arrive at the Course in plenty of time for the second race which will not be run till shortly after noon.

Hongkong visitors can be certain of a good day's sport and will find the trip over well worth making. It should be noted that the chances in the Pari-Mutuel are only \$3 each and in the Cash Sweeps only \$2, which should be an attraction.

The following tips are provided by a racing enthusiast at Macao:

## 1. The Novices' Plate—1/2 Mile.

Phum Pudding.  
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## 2. The Rua do Campo Plate—1/2 Mile.

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Tap-Sue.  
Honey Moon.

## 3. The Tap-Sue Stakes—1 1/2 Miles.

Of Fee.  
San Diego.  
Easter Day.

## 4. The Easter Plate—1 Mile.

Baccarat.  
403.  
Kom Tong Hall.

## 5. The U-In Plate—7 Furlongs.

Salvo.  
Sun Ning.  
Park Ku.

## 6. The Kwong Chow Plate—1/2 Mile.

Little Sit Tang.  
The Sand Piper.  
Valour.

## 7. The Run Central Plate—9 Furlongs.

Chick To.  
Dragon Boat.  
Easter Day.

## 8. The Macao Stakes—1 Mile.

Papyrus.  
Of Fee.  
Hon Sin.

## 9. The Chin-Chun Plate—7 Furlongs.

Tap-Sue.  
The Gift.  
Gold Star.

## 10. Mafoo Race—5 Furlongs.

Cherry Brandy.  
The Gift.  
Wild Fellow.

## Handicap Doubles:—E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (ovo 1/6) v H. C. Macnamara and E. S. C. Brooks (rec. 15/3); Lieut. Smith and Lieut. Hall (rec. 15) v J. H. Satchell and R. A. Jardine (rec. 15/2); Capt. Howard and Capt. Jacobs-Lurkom (ovo 1/6) v E. A. Redmond and L. Forster (ovo 15/3).

## Handicap Singles:—"A."—T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4/6) v R. M. Henderson (ovo 2/6).

## THE CUP FINAL.

CARDIFF FAVOURED FOR  
VICTORY.

London, April 22.

Fair weather, and a fast, open game, are features of the final survey of prospects for tomorrow's Anglo-Welsh battle in the Cup Final at Wembley, which will be witnessed by nearly 100,000 people, headed by His Majesty the King, and many Peers, members of the House of Commons, and other prominent persons, including the Lord Mayors of London and Cardiff.

The gates will open at 11.30, and the proceedings will begin at 2.30.

There will be community singing, including "Land of Our Fathers" and the National Anthem. Experts are divided as to the result of the match, though the balance of the forecasts probably favour Cardiff against the Arsenal.

## CHESS.

THIRD PLACE IN KOWLOON  
TOURNAMENT DECIDED.

By defeating J. S. Smith last night at the Central British School, C. E. Wong secured third place in the tournament for the Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club, being one and a half points behind both S. G. Hayes and D. E. Carvalho who tied for first place.

The match between H. W. Randall and W. Paterson was postponed, the former being indisposed.

CANTON LABOUR  
CONGRESS.WE EXPLAIN YESTERDAY'S  
MISTAKE.

Not having heard that the Australian delegation to the Pacific Labour Congress, which has been arranged to take place at Canton on May 1st, had, at the last moment, had their passports withheld by the Australian authorities, we incorrectly stated yesterday that the delegation had arrived here by the s.s. Mishima Maru.

Advices and newspapers which had reached us earlier from Australia announced that the delegation was due to leave and had even been given farewell presents. We assumed that the party had left according to schedule—an assumption that went rather badly astray, because the delegation was not allowed to leave.

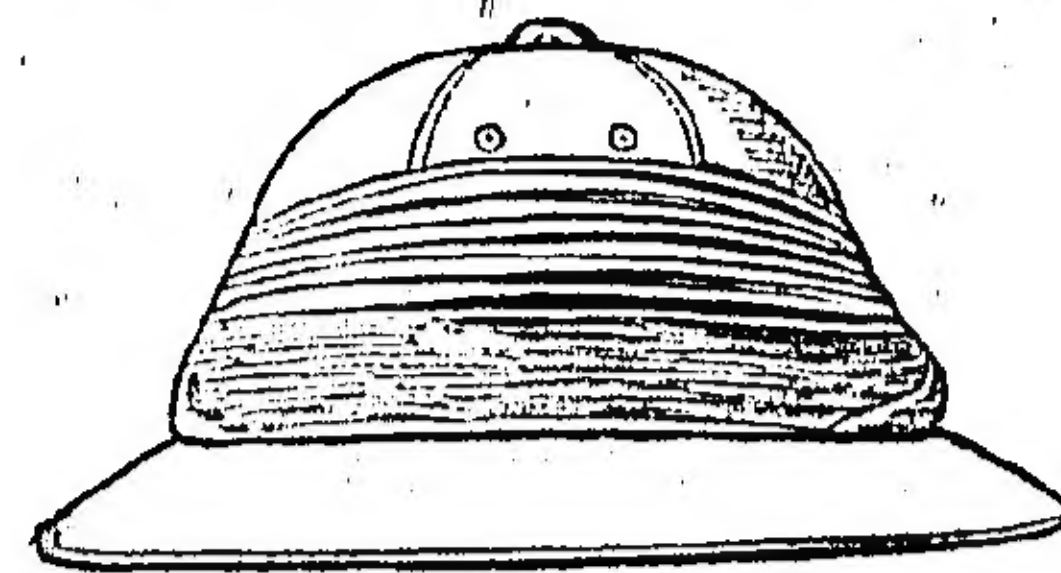
As was reported earlier by Reuter, the Japanese delegation was arrested as the members were about to depart from Tokyo, and it would seem that the Pacific Labour Congress is not going to be so well attended as was hoped for by its organisers.

Owing to the change of political complexion in the governing body at Canton it is now not at all certain that the Congress will be held.

There were 52,614 registered medical practitioners on December 31, in Britain according to the Medical Register which was published recently. In 1924 the number was 42,378.

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## OPIUM SMUGGLING.

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YANGTZE.

Opium smuggling is going on ships running between Hankow and Shanghai. This practice seems to have sprung up recently as it was not to be seen by passengers on the river boats a year ago. It is now carried on openly by opium runners who come alongside the vessels at anchor. When a ship anchors off Hankow for any length of time a number of sampans come alongside, each containing four or five men or women well supplied with silver dollars. Bargaining goes on openly between the sampan men and the passengers on the lower deck. A price is usually struck about two dollars an ounce. When an agreement is come to the sampans run alongside and pass over the correct amount of silver money, and drop back into the current while the opium is secured by the seller. After a few minutes the seller and his sampan which returns and receives the opium in neat one or two ounce bundles, stamped with the partition brand of the product, as some brands are preferred to others, and higher prices. Bargaining continues until the money arrives, when another sampan starts operations.

It would seem to the observer, writes a correspondent of the N. C. Daily News, that the opium is chiefly handled by the deck crew of the steamers. Szechuan opium comes down to Hankow where it is taken aboard the boats in one way or another. It may either be disposed of on the boat, where the opium is now smoked openly in third class cabins, at ports of call, or in Shanghai on arrival. It is easily taken ashore hidden in the loose sleeves or tucked in the inner clothing. It is reported that Customs men do not dare to discover the opium or interfere with the traffic. In the present state of disorder in the Yangtze valley it would be impossible for ship captains to attempt to regulate the matter, as it is but another example of the disorder and lawlessness which is at present tolerated, if not sanctioned, by those supposed to be in control.

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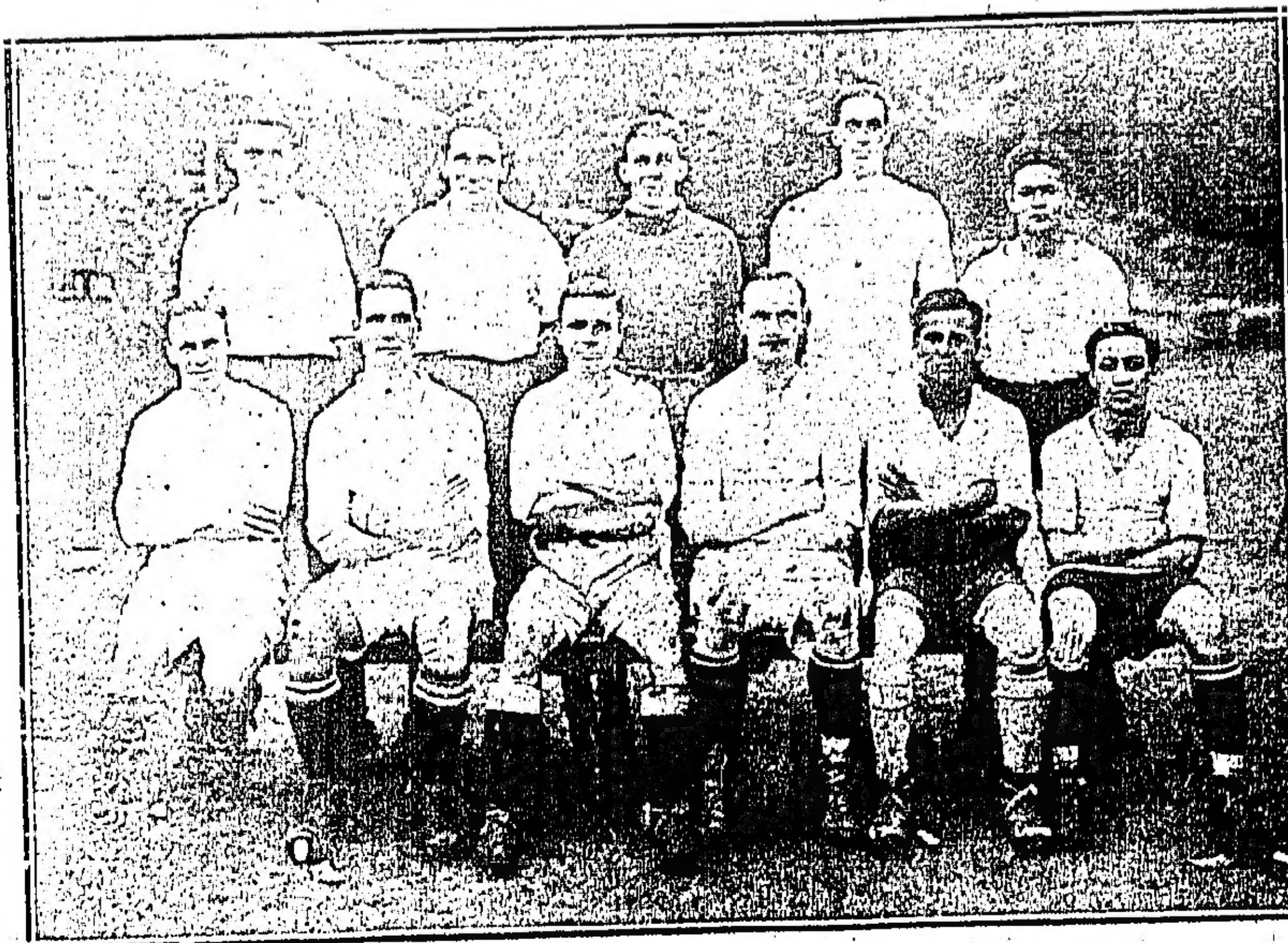
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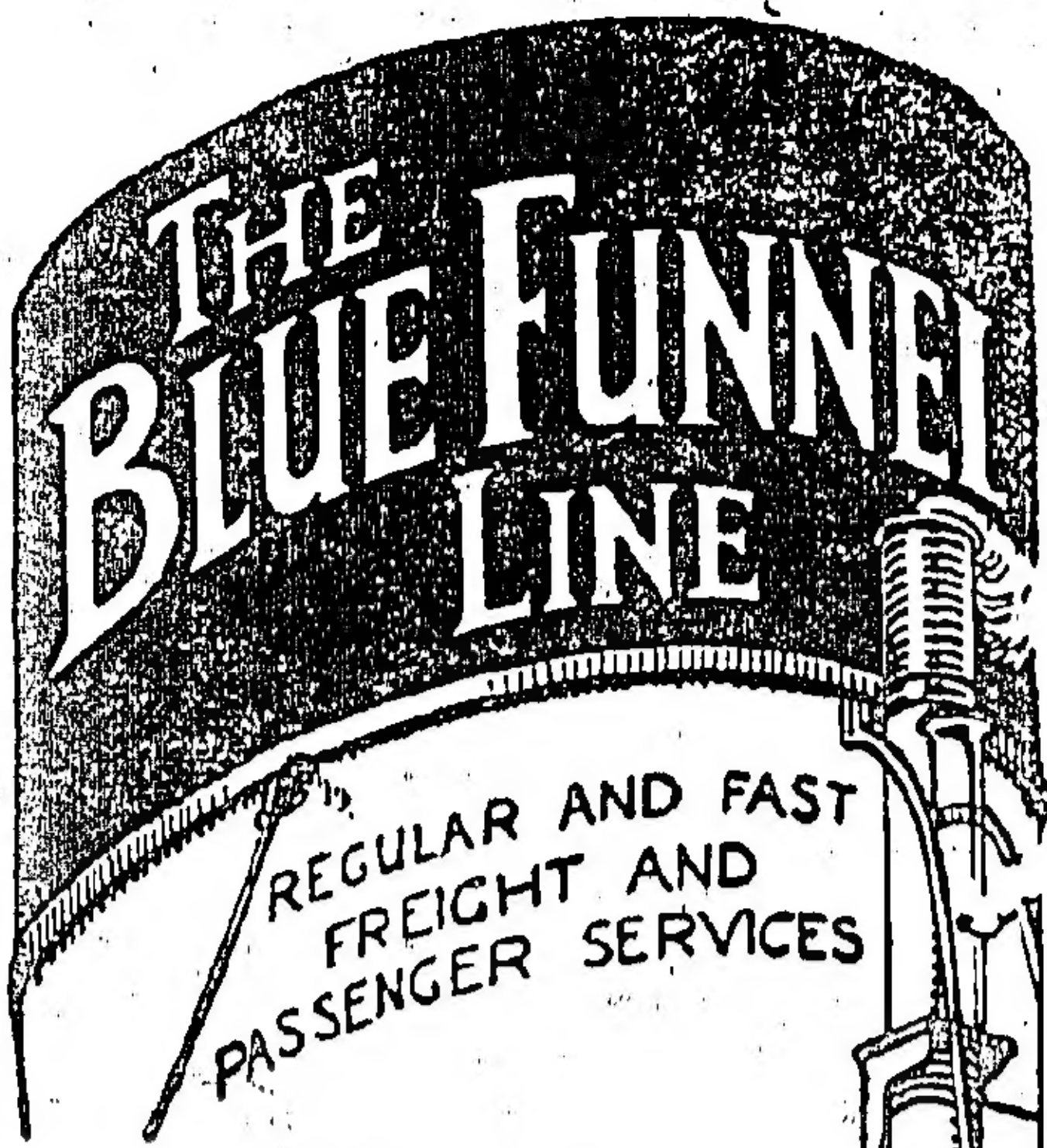
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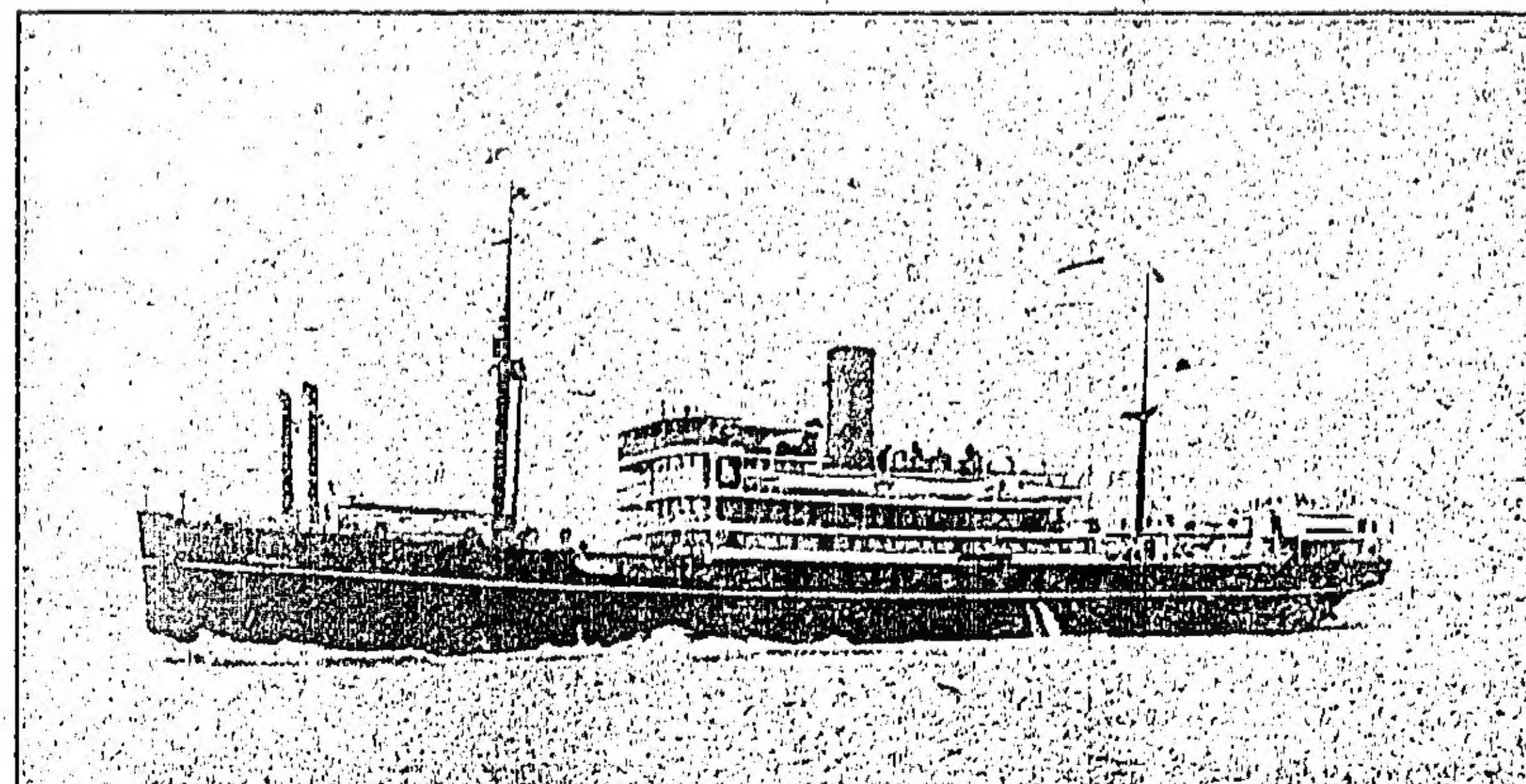
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ARAFURA	6,000	29th April.	(Manila, Sandakan, Thurs. Island, Townsville, B'bane. Sydney and Melbourne.
TANDA	6,956	3rd June.	
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STRAITS & Calcutta	Suisang	Mon. 25th Apr	at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Chakhsang	Tues. 26th Apr	at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Loosang	Wed. 27th Apr	at 7 a.m.	
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Thurs. 28th Apr	at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Pooshing	Sun. 1st May	at 7 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Mon. 2nd May	at 3 p.m.
OSAKA Moji, Yokohama & Kobe Hoosang	Tues. 3rd May	at 7 a.m.	
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## A GAMBLING DEBT.

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Charging three men, two of whom were firemen, with demanding money with menaces a complainant at the Central Magistracy yesterday said he went to the Man Yuen Club where the third defendant, who was accompanied by the first, demanded \$96. When this was refused, the man created a disturbance and another who came to investigate the trouble was struck twice by one of the defendants.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that it was incredible that the men should go to a club and in the presence of other members threaten a man and demand money from him. Asked for further details, witness said he lost \$96 at mahjong when playing some time ago with the man who was struck in the club. He did not lose money to the third defendant, who he learned later was financing the man to whom witness lost. Possibly the defendant was demanding the gambling debt which had been settled some days before.

Cross-examined by Mr. H. Lo, witness denied gambling with the third defendant.

Another witness was called to support complainant's story, the Magistrate commenting that it seemed clear that the third defendant went to the club with the others and that a threat was used.

### A Debt Unpaid?

The third defendant's story was that he won money from the complainant which was not paid. When he asked for payment he was assaulted, and fearing that his gambling would reach the ears of his master and mother, he did not take proceedings. Later, being told that the complainant had expressed regret, he went to the club, but payment was again refused.

Mr. Lindsell said it was obvious that the defendant took the other two men to the club to threaten the complainant. Mr. Lo suggested that he took them to prevent a further assault.

The charge was dismissed, the complainant being informed that he had not given proper information to the police. The defendants were discharged, Mr. Lindsell saying the conduct of the two firemen should be reported to the C.S.P. as they had obviously no business in the club.

Mr. Lo:—They were on holiday and not in uniform.

Mr. Lindsell: That makes no difference. Once you are a Government servant you know no holidays.

## LOCAL WILL.

HONGKONG ESTATE OF \$249,000.

A re-sealing of probate in respect of the will of Mr. J. T. Hemingway, late of Heathcote, Ilkley, Yorkshire, and of Canal Road, Bradford, who died at Heathcote on September 17th, last year, has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Mr. Shenton is the lawful Attorney of four executors named in the will, Mr. H. Hemingway, Mr. C. H. Scott, Mr. A. H. Blundell, and Mr. V. Burden. The late Mr. Hemingway left \$249,200 net personalty in Hongkong, and also estate in England.

He bequeaths \$1,000 to Mr. V. Burden if he accepts the post of acting Trustee, and to his wife \$3,000 to be paid immediately after his death for expenses. In addition he bequeaths to her his motor car, furniture, and plate.

Further bequeaths to his wife include \$7,000 to obtain a house in suitable grounds on freehold property, and he desires that during her lifetime she shall be paid \$4,000 per year, commencing from the date of his death.

He also makes various bequests to his son and daughters.

Bequests to his servants, conditional upon their being in his employ at the time of his death, include \$500 to his chauffeur, and \$100 each to his parlour maid, and a general servant. Under servants in the cook's department, with five years continuous service up to the time of his death, are to receive \$10 for each year of service.

In his will Mr. Hemingway states that during his lifetime he had given to such charitable objects and institutions, as had appealed to his judgment, to the full extent of what he considered his duty, and therefore he had not made provision for any sort of bequests to such institutions or objects.

Sir Robert Jardine.

The will of the late Sir Robert William Buchanan Jardine, Baronet, has been lodged at the Registrar House Edinburgh, to be recorded. Its provisions are of a family nature, with the exception of a number of bequests to employees, &c. There are no bequests to charitable societies or institutions, the testator having made his contributions thereto by way of subscription during his lifetime.

The Rev. Alfred Gill, who died suddenly at Dawlish, served his church for over 50 years without a day's illness. He was 80.

## YACHTING NOTES.

BY "CHAU KUNG."

Racing this afternoon will be for boats which have not won this season. The course will be Lyman Beacon (P), mark on Line (S), Channel Rocks (S) = 7.8 miles.

The following are eligible to compete:—"Falcon," "Argulla II," "Sealark," "Adele," "Adanna," "Zephyr," and "Joan." A prize has been donated for the race which is to start at 2.45.

A Menagerie race over a course of Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), mark on Line (S), Cusi Rock (P), (S), Channel Rocks (S) = 8.3 miles, will be held for those members who wish to race, the starting gun being at 3 p.m.

A keel has been laid down to the order of Maj. Greig and Capt. Lacombe, R. E.'s for one of the "Typhoon" class.

I hear that "Typhoon" was out on Monday last with two reefs down, made very good going between Lam Tung and Waglan, going along fast and without much fuss. The dropping of the sail plan by 3 inches and lowering of the mast 6 inches, together with the lightening of the sail having brought about a big improvement in her behaviour in a heavy wind. I was told that she out-weathered and out-footed a Heyward-Hey which ranged up for a "try-out."

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There would have to be an allowance made for running and standing gear, new sails etc., which would probably average at \$10 to \$12 a month. No allowance has been made for insurance or for depreciation but if kept up as she well could be at the figures given. She should maintain her value very well and if sold in 5 or 6 years time the return would not be very much—say at most \$1,200 to \$1,300—less than what she cost to build. I would ask "Would one be likely to get the same return on a car after 5 years?"

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Changkat Serdangs	10.50
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Jerams	2.00
Jerams	2.90
Lunas	4.00
Kedahs	4.70
Malaka Pindas	2.75
Malakoffs	4.75
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## A BIG BOOM.

SIR FRANCIS AGLEN'S PROPHECY.

London, April 22.  
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sailors while in ricsbas yesterday were attacked by a mob of coolies. One of them was stabbed twice. —Reuter.

NANKING GOVERNMENT.

Appointment for C. C. Wu.

Shanghai, April 22. A report from Nanking dated the 21st states that the Nanking Government has appointed C. C. Wu as Minister of Foreign Affairs but that Eugene Chen retains the post until the Nanking affair is settled with the Powers. The post was first offered to Hu Han-min who refused it.

Ku Yin-fan was appointed Minister of Finance.—Reuter.

TROUBLE IN YUNNAN.

Partial French Evacuation.

Paris, April 22. Le Petit Parisien announces that French residents have evacuated that part of Yunnan which is overrun by bandits.—Reuter.

CANTON COMMUNIST PLOT.

Nipped in the Bud.

The discovery by the Canton authorities on Thursday night that the Communists were planning a general strike in a final attempt to secure control of the situation resulted in partial cancellation of the anti-Red victory celebrations which were to have taken place in Canton yesterday.

The police chief and General Li Chai-sum immediately proclaimed martial law, and raids were made in different parts of the city, resulting in the arrest of over a hundred Red agitators. Seditious pamphlets had been circulated attacking the Moderates, demanding the release of the men arrested during the coup, and calling a general strike for Friday.

A number of labour unionists responded to the strike call, including the seamen of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's ships. They were unable to leave on scheduled time, but the police prevailed upon the Seamen's Union to order its members to resume work, and they did so shortly before eleven o'clock yesterday. The first vessel from Canton reached the Hongkong wharf shortly after eight o'clock last night.

The celebration of the anti-Red victory was confined to a brief meeting held yesterday morning, and the processions have been cancelled.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Precautions at Canton.

At the first meeting of the Military Supervision Committee held at the Bureau of Public Safety the following resolutions were passed:—

1.—This committee is an organ of investigation and executive action. All important affairs relating to the detection and punishment of extremists shall be managed by this Committee with the assistance of the military and administrative authorities.

2.—A secretary shall be appointed by this committee to take charge of the records, and preservation of documents.

3.—Communist elements of a peaceful nature should give themselves up before the provincial or City Kuomintang within ten days. They should submit a statement of repentance and make a declaration in the local press. They shall then be exempted from any punishment and will be protected by law.

4.—People who have communist refugees in their premises should report to this committee or to the nearest military or police stations. Otherwise they will be charged with sheltering rebels upon being detected.

5.—Information should be secretly given to this committee or through any police, military or Kuomintang quarters of the presence of communist elements. False accusers, however, will be liable to punishment.

6.—Rewards will be given to those persons who discover registers of names, ammunition, or other proofs of sedition of the communists or their private dens, and report the same to this committee.

The Associated Daimler Company, of Walthamstow, have received an order for 70 omnibus chassis from the Anglo-Argentine Tramways Company for use in Avellaneda, a suburb of Buenos Aires.

OUR TELEPHONES.

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defaulting subscribers. I am pleased to state, however, that the system of deposit accounts which we have since instituted minimises to a very large extent the risk of similar losses being sustained in the future.

Improved Service.

During the year under review, as the result of re-organisation at the Main Exchange, the service has been materially improved—this being reflected by the diminution in the number of complaints recorded; furthermore, the number of Subscribers has been increased by the addition of 468 Exchange Lines and 33 Extension Lines, which I venture to think you cannot but regard as very satisfactory.

The Balance Sheet.

On the Liabilities side of the Balance Sheet you will observe that the issued Capital of the Company now stands at \$1,922,600 and the Share Premium Account at \$209,040. The General Reserve shows a credit of \$25,000 which was the amount voted to that Account at the last Annual General Meeting; therefore, in the event of your adoption of the Board's recommendation for the appropriation now before you in respect of the profits for the year ended 31st December, 1926, this account will stand in credit to the extent of \$75,000.00.

Turning to the Assets side of the Balance Sheet, two items appear to call for particular comment, namely, the expenditure of \$268,042.36 in respect of additions to Plant, and \$56,611.68—which you will find under the heading "Automatic Plant—Preliminary Expenses."

Underground Cables.

The major portion of the expenditure in respect of the first of these two items covers matters of a permanent nature, and was necessitated by virtue of the terms of our franchise from the Government, which, *inter alia*, calls for the substitution of underground cables for overhead wires. In this connexion 262.68 circuit miles of underground cables, 25,695 circuit miles of covered distribution cables were laid during the year; furthermore, in the month of May last, a new submarine cable was laid across the Harbour between Hongkong and Kowloon which not only permitted us to recover the then existing faulty cable, but also provided an additional 37 lines for junction working between these points. While on this subject, I would incidentally add, that notwithstanding the fact that much progress with this transfer-over has already been made, still further considerable expenditure must necessarily be incurred in giving effect to the requirements stipulated for in the Hongkong Telephone Ordinance.

Proposed Automatic Service.

The expenditure under the second of the two items with which I am dealing was incurred in relation to preliminary investigation in connection with the proposal to instal an automatic telephone service—a subject referred to by my predecessor in the Chair when he addressed you last year. After mature consideration, your Board was of the opinion that it would be in the best interests of subscribers that expert advice should be obtained in order that the whole question of telephone communication in the Colony might be investigated. With this in mind, your Directors approached the Government with a request that an independent expert should be nominated with a view to his submitting a report regarding the most efficient and satisfactory system suitable to the requirements of the community.

As a result, Mr. R. W. Weightman, of the firm of Messrs. Preece, Cardew and Rider, Consulting Engineers to the Crown Agents, was appointed by the Government, and visited the Colony at the expense of your Company in December, 1925.

Mr. Weightman's report advocated the installation of an automatic system. Your Board has, therefore, authorised the Company's Consulting Engineers in London to embark upon the preparation of preliminary specifications with a view to calling for tenders, and when these have been obtained, it is the intention in your Board to place the whole matter before the Chambers of Commerce and the Government with a view to a definite decision being arrived at by an impartial tribunal as to the suitability or otherwise—so far as the community, and more particularly, the subscribers, are concerned—of the automatic system as against the manual system.

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Question Of Initial Outlay.

Your Directors do not propose at this juncture to offer an opinion as to the respective merits of the two systems, other than to indicate that it appears to them in the main to resolve itself into a question of initial outlay, return on investment, and consequent subscription rates to be charged. I will, therefore, confine myself to stating that your Board possesses an open mind on the subject, and is inspired solely by a strong desire to render the most efficient service possible commensurate with such a return to the Company as is contemplated by the Ordinance under which the Company's undertaking operates. I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations be confirmed:—

Payment of a Final Dividend of 5%, making 8% for the year, \$96,130; transfer to General Reserve, \$50,000; bonus to European Staff, \$5,947.21; carry forward to next account, \$2,357.86.

I shall be much obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

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